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PROPOSAL FOR A FOUR-POWER DECLARATION IS ABANDONED

Full Military Commitment Sought By Russia Makes Little Impression In Warsaw Immediate Action In Event Of Aggression By Germany

LONDON, MAR. 26 (REUTER)—THE PROPOSED FOUR-POWER DECLARATION HAS BEEN ABANDONED, ASSERTS THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE "OBSERVER," who says that the Polish Government sees no attraction in participating in a demonstration, the only practical purpose of which is to offer Poland international consultation in the event of German aggression.

On the other hand, it is understood that the Soviet proposal for full military commitment to take immediate action in the event of German aggression, or threat of aggression, has hitherto made equally little impression in Warsaw where the old Polish principle of full neutrality, as between Germany and Russia, still holds sway.

Russia Can Deal With Japan Single-handed

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Rumours that Russia has demanded in return for her commitment in Europe, a British commitment in the Far East—that Britain should undertake to protect Russia against Japan—are described by the "Observer" as a misconception.

The paper says that Russia has not in any communication with London or Paris, made any such stipulation. On the contrary, she has protested full confidence in her ability to deal single-handed with Japan.

CHINESE RETAKE LISHIH

STRATEGIC SHANSI TOWN

SIAM, MAR. 26 (CENTRAL)—AFTER MONTHS OF OCCUPATION BY THE JAPANESE, LISHIH, IMPORTANT TOWN IN WEST SHANSI, about 113 miles southwest of Taiyuan by highway, and about 25 miles from the Shensi border, has been recaptured by the Chinese.

Following a siege of several days, the Chinese smashed into the town on March 19 and challenged the Japanese garrison to street fighting, according to reports received here. The Japanese were routed and fled.

In south Shansi, fighting took place in several towns. Japanese troops moving away from Heliang-kwan, 20 miles northwest of Linfen, were intercepted by Chinese on Mar. 23.

VILLAGERS IN ATTACK

Embittered by Japanese incendiarism, Chinese villagers at Yen-chang, seven and half miles south-east of Wensai, joined the Chinese troops in an attack on the Japanese occupying the village. The Japanese were sandwiched between Chinese plain-clothed guerrillas who had sneaked into the village beforehand and the Chinese villagers and troops attacking from outside. Over 100 Japanese were killed in a two-hour bitter battle.

Three hundred Japanese casualties were inflicted when a column of Japanese reinforcements from Kuanghsien, about 38 miles north-west of Yuanku in south Shansi, was waylaid.

FORMATION OF SPITFIRES



FASTEST fighting aircraft in the world—A formation of R.A.F. Spitfires, which have an official speed of 362 m.p.h. and which can climb to 11,000ft. in 4.8 minutes, photographed in flight. The aircraft carry eight guns.

MORE ABOUT THE FAIREY STRATO-PLANES

LONDON, Mar. 26 (BWS)—Additional details of the Fairey Strato-planes for flying at greater heights than is at present practicable with passengers were announced yesterday.

Fourteen of these airliners have been ordered by the Air Minister. They will embody pressure cabins of a more advanced kind than those of any airliner at present in service or beyond the experimental stage. In the cabins, the normal ground level atmosphere pressure will be maintained up to a height of 15,000 feet.

Accommodation will be provided for thirty passengers. This type of airliner is designed to attain a maximum speed of 275 M. P. H., with four engines each of 1,000 horse-power.

FANLING RACES

LUCKY TICKET HOLDER WINS SMALL FORTUNE

St. John Cup Sweep First Prize Totals Over \$20,000

THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE WEATHER DID NOT PREVENT A GOOD CROWD FROM MAKING THE TRIP TO FANLING TO ATTEND THE KWANTUNG RACES YESTERDAY, the main attraction being the St. John Cup event, on which was the big special dollar sweep. The first prize of \$21,244.35 on this was won by ticket No. 39831, which drew Ebony Idol.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, looking none the worse for his recent indisposition, was present, accompanied by Lady Northcote and Mr. M. A. S. Northcote, their son. Other well-known people there were the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Sir Victor Sassoon, millionaire financier and racehorse owner.

Apart from the big sweep, other winning numbers paid disappointing prizes, but dividends showed a slight improvement, taken on the average.

Regarding the actual racing, there was little outstanding. The best win of the day was that of Mr. "Benny" Proulx, whose victory on Ebony Idol in the St. John Cup was the result of excellent judgment, exercised in a great spurt which brought him home from behind. This win was an extremely fortunate one for the holder of ticket No. 39831.

Mr. P. M. Hoo's Margaret had to be destroyed following an injury to its fetlock which it sustained after having refused a jump.

THE RESULTS

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Places: \$7.50, \$6.10.

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CHINESE PLANES RAID CANTON

SHIUKWAN, KWANGTUNG, Mar. 26 (Central)—A surprise raid was staged by a squadron of Chinese planes on Canton on Thursday morning, when over ten Japanese planes at the Tien Ho and White Cloud aerodromes were bombed.

So unexpectedly did the Chinese planes come that no air raid alarm was raised at all. Despite the risk involved, groups of Chinese civilians came out to the street and must have been pleased to see the Chinese squadron swooping overhead with the national insignia clearly visible.

PALESTINE ARABS RETURN HOME

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—The Palestine Conference delegates, Prince Khaled, Emir Faisal, Faud Bey Hamsa and Sheikh Hafez, Waiba and Essoleiman Abraham Ibrahim have proceeded home.

"Shoulder To Shoulder"

SAYS HITLER TO MUSSOLINI

"Vital Aspirations Of Our Peoples"

BERLIN, MAR. 26 (REUTER)—HERR HITLER HAS TELEGRAPHED TO SIGNOR MUSSOLINI on the occasion of the Fascist Party's Twentieth Anniversary stating: "The German Nation stands shoulder to shoulder with the battle-tested Italian people in warding off all attempts, by hate and lack of understanding, to restrict the legitimate and vital aspirations of our two peoples."

Service Of Customs, Salt Secured Loans: Dr. Kung's Statement

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central)—Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, announced today that the Government has initiated negotiations with a view to effecting an arrangement in respect of the service of loans secured on Customs and salt revenues. Pending conclusion of these negotiations, the Government is taking action in relation to salt secured loans similar to the action of Jan. 15 concerning Customs loans.

It will be recalled that on Jan. 15 it was announced that in view of Japanese interference with the pledged revenues and with the currency the Government was forced, temporarily, to discontinue full provision for the service of Customs secured loans, and that the Government was prepared to set aside in the Central Bank of China certain funds in respect of the long-term debt service. Such funds are being duly set aside.

SUFFICIENT SUM

With reference to loans secured on salt revenue, Dr. Kung announced that the Anglo-French Loan coupon due April 5 will be paid at the usual time, inasmuch as the fiscal agents already have on hand, out of payments previously made to them, a sum sufficient for this purpose. In the

case of the Crisp Loan, the Government is setting aside, out of salt revenue, a share of the interest due to bondholders on Mar. 30.

The Government, having regard for China's obligation and for the interests of the bondholders, has been much concerned with continuance of debt service despite the unprecedented difficulties caused by the Japanese invasion.

It does not wish to permit continuance of the situation resulting from the measures which circumstances have forced it very reluctantly to take in relation to Customs and salt loans without endeavouring to arrive at a reasonable debt service as far as practicable having regard to the abnormal conditions obtaining and to the vital necessity of prosecuting the war and preserving China's financial and economic stability.

GERMAN OFFER DECLINED?

BERLIN, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—It was semi-officially announced that no Customs or Currency Union will be concluded between Germany and Slovakia, though Germany has declared herself to be ready to support the Slovak Government in building up Slovak economy and currency.

AMERICANS ALARMED

HYSTERICAL REQUESTS FOR PROTECTION

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Americans are now demanding bomb-proof shelters from the War Department.

The crisis last September and the recent tension has led to an increasing number of requests, some of which are described as hysterical, for instruction in the construction of bomb-proof shelters, similar to those being made in Europe. Some of these requests have come from as far inland as Arkansas.

Military engineers are being faced with an unprecedented demand for Air Raid Precautions advice and declare that they can see no reason why Americans should yet share in the fears of the British and French.

They state that they see little likelihood of an aerial invasion of America in the event of the United States being involved in a war, but in view of the steady increasing range of aircraft, bombers, trenches and other devices for the protection of civilians are being planned.

MUSSOLINI SAYS

"Order Of The Day Is Guns, Ships And Aeroplanes"

"MEDITERRANEAN IS ITALIAN GEOGRAPHICALLY, POLITICALLY"

ROME, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—The twentieth anniversary of the foundation of the Fascist Party was celebrated to-day when Signor Benito Mussolini made a speech at the Stadium and was greeted by tremendous applause from an enormous crowd. Parts of the speech were drowned by the tumultuous applause.

Il Duce said, "In the celebrations taking place at a moment of gravity for Europe we won't be led away by the hysterical fear of war. The word peace is circulating like false money but we have been for a long period at peace for European reconstruction. Attempts to upset the axis are futile. The axis is not only the relation between two States but between two revolutions which form a contemporary civilization. 'The combination of anti-totalitarian regimes will be met by all available means. What happened in Central Europe was fated. In my Genoa speech I referred to what separated Italy from France (boiling and tremendous tumult)."

"In a few days, perhaps, in a few hours, Nationalist Spain will give the final blow and Madrid will be a tomb of Communism. On Dec. 17, Italian problems of a colonial nature were put to France. Those problems have the names Tunis, Djibouti and Suva. Geographically, politically, and militarily, the Mediterranean is Italian."

"Finally, we must arm ourselves and the order of the day is guns, ships and aeroplanes at whatever cost," concluded Mussolini.

"Our course is definitely set. Our principles are clear," continued Il Duce. "Our revolution is not yet finished but from the point of view of customs and characters of social distances it has hardly begun. I leave to others the task of drawing the balance sheet of our labours in the first twenty years of Fascism."

"That balance sheet will be gigantic and what we have done is destined to remain and will remain for centuries."

"Although it is known that we consider perpetual peace as a catastrophe for civilization; nevertheless, we consider a long period of peace necessary for safeguarding the development of European civilization. But although we recently have been asked we will not take any initiative before our sacrosanct rights have been recognised."

"What has happened in Central Europe was destined to happen. I declare that if the great democracies weep bitterly over the premature and somewhat unhonoured end of what was their dearest creation there is excellent reason for us not to associate ourselves with their tears."

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JAPANESE ENCOURAGE POPPY GROWING

SIAM, MAR. 26 (CENTRAL)—Recent eye-witnesses from Shansi report the shipping of large quantities of poppy seeds by the Japanese authorities to various north China areas by way of the Tatung-Puchow Railway. These seeds, it is stated, are intended for the forthcoming spring planting season.

Cultivation of poppy in many Japanese occupied areas in Shansi is compulsory. At Chaocheng, ten miles north of Hungtung on the railway, the price of poppy seeds is fixed at \$4 per catty.

LORD SANDERSON DEAD: ONLY BLIND MEMBER OF LORDS

LONDON, Mar. 26 (T/Ocean)—The only blind member of the House of Lords, Lord Sanderson, died on Saturday afternoon at the age of 70. Lord Sanderson was a well-known political personality in England and played a leading part in the Labour Party when the late Mr. MacDonald formed his second Government in 1930.

In the same year he was raised to peerage. In March 1938 Lord Sanderson left the Labour Party because he declared that the policy of the Labour Party "threatened peace."

Lord Sanderson is the author of several books and had a reputation as an economic publicist also.

An Attack Expected



Illustration of a city under attack, showing bombs falling and smoke rising from the ground.

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SERVICES IN PALESTINE

Awards For Gallant Conduct

The London Gazette recently stated that the King has approved of the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished conduct in Palestine:—

The Military Cross.—Captain R. G. Watson, 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment); Captain D. H. Nott, 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment; Second Lieutenant R. B. Frith, 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment; Second Lieutenant R. H. Stewart, 1st Battalion, The Border Regiment; Second Lieutenant S. C. O. Waring, 2nd Battalion, The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster); Second Lieutenant G. D. Dunlop, 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment); Second Lieutenant D. P. R. Walker, 1st Battalion, The Green Howards (Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment).

The Military Medal.—No. 3560631 Warrant Officer Class II (Company Sergeant-Major) F. Fell, 1st Battalion, The Border Regiment; No. 3704867 Sergeant H. G. Phenna, 2nd Battalion, The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster); No. 2549232 Sergeant A. C. Rhodes, 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment; No. 725572 Sergeant H. C. Styler, 1st Battalion, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment; No. 3566885 Lance-sergeant J. Hilton, 1st Battalion, The Border Regiment; No. 2753434 Corporal D. Carmichael, 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment); No. 3053736 Corporal J. E. Gove, 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment); No. 3054062 Lance-corporal W. D. Campbell, 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment); No. 3184138 Lance-corporal H. S. Kingsbury, 1st Battalion, The Border Regiment; No. 3053644 Lance-corporal K. McIntosh, 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment); No. 6009783 Private H. A. Attwood, 1st Battalion, The Essex Regiment; No. 6286878 Lance-corporal R. H. Carson, 1st Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment); No. 3055849 Private A. Easton, 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment); No. 6009912 Private H. Leggett, 1st Battalion, The Essex Regiment.

THE SERVICES

ROYAL NAVY

EXERCISES AT SINGAPORE

The annual combined exercises between ships of the East Indies and China Squadrons and local defence forces at Singapore took place recently. Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander-in-Chief in China, arrived at Singapore from Hongkong, accompanied by the escort vessel Falmouth. Vice-Admiral J. F. Somerville, Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, with the Norfolk and Manchester, arrived from Rangoon.

More than 25 vessels of war took part. Among them were four cruisers, three aircraft-carriers, the Falmouth, the Duncan, and five destroyers of the 8th Flotilla, and the Medway (depot-ship). Westcott (attached destroyer), and 11 submarines of the 4th Flotilla.

MOTOR TORPEDO-BOAT CRUISE
The 1st Motor Torpedo-Boat Flotilla, attached to the Mediterranean Fleet, left Malta recently for a month's cruise in the course of which it will visit Italian ports.

ACCOUNTANT OFFICERS' TRAINING

Paymaster Captain V. C. G. Eason, O.B.E., D.S.O., became Director of the Accountant's Office of the Technical Course at Portsmouth on the retirement of Paymaster Captain F. L. Horsey, B.C., O.B.E., D.S.O.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES
An amendment to the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions gives to commanding officers discretion to withhold a good conduct badge for a period of not less than three nor more than six months in a case where, although the continuity of "very good" conduct has not necessarily been broken by major punishments, the high standard of conduct required has nevertheless not been reached.

It is the particular desire of the Admiralty that good conduct badges should not be awarded as a matter of course merely consequent upon completing so many years' service without major punishment. The standard of behaviour involved in the term "V.G." conduct is now defined more clearly.

The three to six months period is a concession, as hitherto men whose conduct did not reach the requisite standard had to begin a fresh period of two years from the date on which their request for a badge was refused.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:—

Surg. Capt.—J. A. Maxwell, O.B.E., M.B. to Repulse (April 21).
Cdr.—R. G. Stewart, to President for duty inside Admiralty (April 24); A. P. Pugsley, to Javelin (May 8).
Surg. Cdr.—T. Gwynne-Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to Drake for D.D. (April 19); G. E. D. Ellis, O.B.E., L.R.C.P., to President for R.N. College, Greenwich (April 22).

C. Keating, L.R.O.P. and S. to Pembroke for R.N. Infirmary, Deal (April 25); E. R. P. Williams, M.B., to Victory for R.N. Hoopl. Haslar (April 25); E. Hefferman, M.B., to So. Angelo for Malta Dockyard (June 1).

Lt.—N. McL. Kemp, to President for duty inside Admiralty (March 15); P. D. Cole, to Jackal (March 30); J. P. Scatchard, to Kashmir (April 3).
Chaplain.—The Rev. H. Broadmore, to Victory for R.N.B. (March 13); the Rev. R. J. Lowe, to Cumberland (March 22); the Rev. C. O. A. Darby, to Malabar for Bermuda Dockyard (April 27).

Surg. Lt.—C. J. P. Pearson, R.R.C.S., L.R.O.P., to Drake for R.N. Hoopl. Plymouth (March 13).
Act. Sub-Lt.—(A)—O. J. J. Cunningham, H. M. Howard, C. J. W. Kin-dell, S. to Fortitude, to Courageous for training (March 13).
Mids. (A)—M. H. N. Allen, J. L. Appley, C. P. Bailey, A. H. Blacow, M. P. Bradshaw, P. N. Charlton, H. A. Cheetham, F. R. Crable, T. L. Crookston, J. R. Crossley, A. V. M. Day, A. Y. Ford, L. H. Gallagher, A. S. Griffiths, C. G. S. Hodgkinson, P. B. Jackson, R. W. Kearley, D. K. Marks, S. P. Luke, J. T. Nicholson, A. Taylor, S. Timbs, A. M. Tuke, P. D. Urwin, O. E. B. Wray, to Courageous for training (March 13).

Cd. Writer.—J. J. O'Leary, appt. to Victory cancelled.
Wt. Writer.—S. G. Clue, to Victory (March 31), appt. to Dolphin cancelled.

PROMOTIONS

Lt. (Retd.)—J. K. D. Hutchison, to rank of Lt.-Cdr. (ret'd.) (sgny. Dec. 15, 1928).

Surg. Lt.—C. S. Thoms, M.B., to rank of Surg. Lt.-Cdr. (senl. March 21).

THE ARMY

CHANGE AT YORK H.Q.

Colonel C. P. Cooke, O.B.E., retires on vacating the post of Assistant Director of Supply and Transport at Northern Command H.Q. in York, and is succeeded by Colonel A. B. F. Perle, D.S.O., promoted from the R.A.S.C. at Caterick Camp.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

VACATING LEE-ON-SOLENT

In preparation for the transfer next month of the air station at Lee-on-Solent to the Navy for use as the shore base of the Fleet Air Arm, headquarters of No. 17 (Training) Group, Coastal Command, has been transferred from Lee to Gosport.

HELWAN STATION COMMAND
Wing Commander C. B. S. Spackman, D.F.C., has been appointed in command of the air station at Helwan, Egypt, in succession to Wing Commander W. R. Cox, M.C., A.P.C., who is transferred to Ismailia station.

Radio Programmes

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SHAFTAIN AND GUREVITCH FROM THE STUDIO

1. to 12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John Cathedral.

12.30 p.m. Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) and Orchestra Mascotte.

Souvenir De Mons Lisa—Waltz (J. Schekel); Idylle Passionnelle—Waltz (Georges Ranzigade)—Orchestra Mascotte. To-day I Found My Happiness (from Operette "Wedding in Samarkand"); The Stars Are Gleaming (Leux-Hannes-Elaz)—Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German); In Dreamy Night—Waltz (from "The Vagabond"—Ziehrer)—Orchestra Mascotte. Isola Bela! (Link-Backers); For You Alone, Lucia—Serenade (Hilde-Bergh)—Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Gypsy Love—Waltz—Melodies (Lehar); Moonlight On The Danube—Waltz (Byron Gay)—Orchestra Mascotte.

1.00 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. Latest Variety Numbers.

Organ—Chu Chin Chow—Selection (orton)—Harry Davidson at the Organ of the Commodore Theatre, Hammersmith. Entertainer—It wouldn't Have Done For The Duke, Sir (Kennington and Wass)—Norman Long at the Piano. Organ—Love And Learn (film) That Girl From Paris; Lookin' Around Corners for You (film) Head Over Heels)—Sidney Torch at the Organ Vocal—When A Lady Meets A Gentleman Down South (Oppenheim-Cleary-Krauer)—Sophie Tucker with Orchestra and Ted Shapiro (Piano). Vocal—Outside Of Paradise (from the film)—Phil Regan with Orchestra. Orch.—Junk Man's Serenade (Alston); Ja-Da (Carleton)—Ovie Alston and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

1.30 p.m. Renter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Tchaikowsky—Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, Op. 23.

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Time

a.m.

10.00—Broadcast to Schools—

"Health and Hygiene." (A).

10.15—Wheat and Grain Report (A).

10.40—"At Home and Abroad." (A).

11.10—Luncheon Music (A).

11.30—Afternoon Musical Programme (A).

p.m.

2.30—"In Town To-night." (D1).

3.00—"The City of London" Talk on Mincing Lane by C. J. Ritchie and Billingsgate by T. S. Dove (D1).

3.20—"Sir Nigel Playfair at the Lyric, Hammersmith," with the BBC Theatre Orchestra (D1); Tiny Toes' Session (A).

4.15—Dinner Music (A).

4.20—News (D1).

5.25—Commentary On News (A).

6.30—Jim Davidson's A.B.C. Dance Band (A).

6.45—Music Hall, with the BBC Variety Orchestra (D2).

7.00—Topical Revue (A).

7.45—"This is France"—Monsieur et Madame Tout le monde. Talk by Felix de Grand Combe (D2); "Young Australia"—Instrumental Recital (A).

8.00—"British Composers," with the BBC Empire orchestra (D2).

9.00—Recorded Feature (A).

9.20—Summary of the day's news (A).

9.30—News (D2).

10.00—"In Town To-night." (D3).

10.30—The BBC Empire Symphony Concerts (D3).

11.50—Peter Dawson, songs (D3).

12.00—News (D3).

a.m.

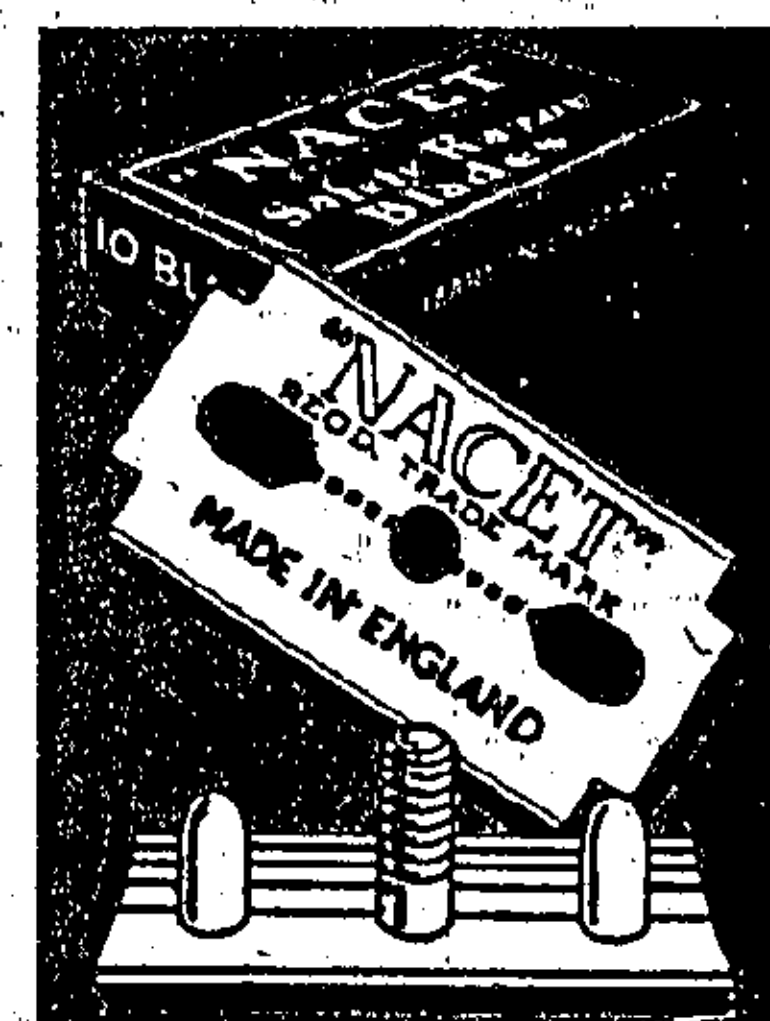
12.20—Dudley Beaven, at Organ of Granada Cinema (D3).

12.30—Variety Programme (D3).

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WOMEN'S PAGE

MONDAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST

Halved Grapefruit
Cereal
Danish Herring
Muffins
Coffee

LUNCHEON

Cream of Onion Soup
Beet Salad
Frankfurters and Cabbage
Baked Potatoes
Chili Relish
Cherry Tart
Tea

DINNER

Glenn Chowder
Cold Slaw Salad
Irish Stew
Corn on Cob
Hot Artichoke
Heated Rye Bread
Hazelnut Ice Cream
Sugar Cookies
Coffee

ROYAL VISIT TO B.B.C.

Princesses' View Of "Toy Town"

The King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, paid an informal visit to Broadcasting House recently. They were received by Mr. R. C. Norman, Chairman, and Mr. F. W. Ogilvie, Director-General.

Accompanied by Mr. Ogilvie and Sir Cecil Graves, Deputy Director-General, the party inspected studios where programmes were in rehearsal and the control room. Afterwards they took tea in the Director-General's office, where they listened by loud-speaker to a reproduction of the conversation which had been recorded a few minutes before while they were inspecting a studio.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

After tea the King and Queen sat with the Princesses for half an hour in the balcony of a studio watching the Children's Hour broadcast of a "Toy Town" programme.

Besides visiting studios from which news is broadcast to listeners at home and overseas, the King and Queen saw a dance music programme, "Swing Song," and a play, "Zig," in rehearsal.

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Lady Northcote and her son, Mr. M. A. S. Northcote, photographed at the First Extra Race meeting. They are leaving for England in the m.v. Canton on Saturday, April 1. (Photo by Leica).

200 TRUNKS CARRY ROYAL TROUSSEAU

Two hundred trunks will be required to carry the trousseau of 17-year-old Princess Fawzieh, eldest sister of King Farouk of Egypt, when she leaves for her new home in Tehran after her wedding to the Crown Prince of Persia.

Her wedding gown, chosen by the Queen-mother and made in Paris at a cost of £400, is a masterpiece of fragile white lace and hand-made tulle, delicately embroidered. The collection of 100 afternoon and evening gowns includes sports outfits for tennis, riding, and skating.

As she is going to a country where it can be cold in winter, she has chosen six fur coats.

Jewellery, valued at £55,000, includes a £25,000 golden diadem inlaid with diamonds and pearls, and a £15,999 necklace with four rows of diamonds.

HIKER FOR HEALTH

VICTORIA.—Five years ago doctors told Sergeant Jack Scott, formerly of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, he had only a few months to live. But, hale and hearty and wearing kilts, socks and tam-o-shanter he knitted himself, the Scottish war veteran showed up in this Pacific coast city.

Now 55, Scott has reeled off more than 31,000 miles in a hike back to health that has taken him over three continents. His North-American tour of 13,000 miles is about half completed. He plans to cross Canada and board an Atlantic steamship at Halifax or Saint John.

20 MILES A DAY
When he left London in October, 1933, for Cape Town, he could walk only a short distance without stopping to rest his gassed lungs and blistered feet. Now he walks 20 miles a day with a 60-pound pack on his back, his lungs "in fine shape."

On Scott's first journey he hiked through France and Italy, crossed to Malta and to Tripoli, then on to Cape Town. He earns his way by lecturing and writing articles.

Not more than four steps had she taken when she took the bag from her arm opened it and inspected its interior. Then turning, she grasped the Chinese boy's arm and ushered him to the European inspector standing near the ferry gates.

The boy was amazed; he evidently did not understand this woman's actions. Quietly he stood by as she explained to the man what had happened, and that she was missing ten dollars.

The inspector questioned the boy and the woman. He asked the latter to again look through her bag to make sure the money was missing. She did so and in a small coin purse found the ten dollars. Very embarrassed she apologized to the inspector and the boy at the same time offering the latter some small change. The quiet young man merely smiled at the woman in a pitying manner and turned from the ferry building into the street.

MRS. LETCH, "ALL TREMBLY," SEES THE KING

Mrs. Ada Letch returned to her Council house at Edmonton, N. full of what she had seen at Buckingham Palace—but still sad.

"I am proud—very proud," she said, as she gazed at the O.B.E. medals which the King had handed to her, "but I wish my two boys had been here to receive them themselves."

The medals had been awarded posthumously to her two sons, James, aged 24, and Edward, aged 20, who gave their lives in an attempt to save the pilot of an aeroplane which crashed killing 13, near her home last September.

ROSE AT 6.30

Mrs. Letch rose at 6.30, helped her children to get breakfast, put on a new dress, waited for a car to take her to the palace. Her son William accompanied her.

"We set off at about 9.30," she said. "I felt all trembly inside."

It was a cosy little room—it seemed little larger than my own sitting-room—and the King, who had been standing by the fireplace, walked straight across to us. I think he must have done that to put us at our ease. He smiled and spoke to me as he handed me the medals.

"I am a little deaf and did not hear what he said, so my Bill repeated his words."

"I am very pleased to present these medals to you for the bravery of your sons," he said.

"I said, 'Thank you sir,' and so did Bill. Then we left."

POPE RECEIVES TEN KENNEDYS

The Pope recently received Mr. Joseph Kennedy, U.S.A. Ambassador in London, with Mrs. Kennedy and eight of their nine children.

The Pope broke tradition by rising from his chair and walking across the room to greet Mr. Kennedy. They had not met since the Ambassador introduced the then Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli to President Roosevelt during the President's visit to America.

At that time Mr. Kennedy was the Cardinal's host.

The Pope blessed each member of the family and to each he gave a rosary.

Speaking in English Pope Pius expressed his admiration for the President's stand on the issue of religious freedom in recent messages to Congress and speeches.

NEWSETTES

The total of Lord Baldwin's fund for refugees now amounts to \$461,658.

The appointment of Miss Tsang Shuk-ching to be a Public Vaccinator is notified.

Tender for repairs to No. 8 Police launch will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until noon on Monday, April 17.

A sale of Crown Land will be held at the District Office, South, Queen's Building, on Friday, April 14, at 11 a.m.

The name of Dr. Chung Ching-wang, M.B., B.S. (Edin.), has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners in the Colony.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Akiyoshi Tajiri to act as Consul-General of Japan at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

Congratulations will be extended to-day to Mr. S.C. Feltham on the occasion of his 43rd birthday. Mr. Feltham is an architect in the P.W.D.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Customs authorities at Tientsin against arrivals from Hongkong on account of small-pox.

Mr. Anselm Chuh, formerly credit manager of the Bank of China, has been appointed assistant district manager of the bank, with headquarters at Singapore.

At the weekly meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club to-morrow, Rotarian M. F. Key, O.B.E., will speak on "Mass Inspiration," being an account of a Rotary Convention.

Mr. Bert J. Chen, manager of the Reliance Motors, who has been paying a visit to Chungking and Kunming, has returned to Hongkong but expects to leave again for Huihong in a few days.

Owing to the dropping of a couple of slugs, our book reviews of Saturday failed to convey the fact that H.G. Wells' book "The Holy Terror" can be obtained at Brewer's Bookshop at \$8.50 a copy.

Mr. H. Rucker, Inspector for South China, the Philippines, and Manager in Hongkong of Messrs. Carl Schleper Co., arrived in the Colony on Saturday by Imperial Airways. Mr. Rucker is quite pleased with business conditions and expects to extend his company's services in the Far East.

Maj. S. F. Hedgecoe, Adjutant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, is leaving for Home next month to return to his Regiment, the Middlesex.

Senhor A. B. Laborinho, Portuguese Consul in Hongkong, will shortly be leaving on transfer to Durban, South Africa. Senhor V. M. Morgado, from Canton, will succeed him in Hongkong.

Mrs. J. Ostrand, mother of Mrs. G. R. Ravary, left the Colony after a visit with her daughter, for Europe in the Hakone Maru. Accompanying Mrs. Ostrand were Mrs. M. Mahoney and son.

Pan-American Airways announce that they have unexpectedly received authorization from their San Francisco headquarters to carry passengers from Hongkong on the Boeing Clipper departing to-morrow morning.

Mr. Stuart Taylor Williamson has been nominated to serve as a Member of the Court of the University of Hongkong during the absence from the Colony of Mr. Geoffrey Samuel Archbutt.

Mr. William Ngarte Thomas Tam and Mr. Benjamin Wong Tape have been appointed members of the Urban Council for a further term of three years with effect from Mar. 30.

It is notified that the Straits Settlements is added to the list of countries to which the International Convention respecting Load Lines, 1930, has been applied, and that the date of the application of Mar. 2, 1939.

A school for refugee children has been established at Kowloon by Messrs. Er Yi-teh, Ho Tieh-hwa, Lin Yung and other prominent Chinese in Hongkong. Classes were begun on March 21. Many refugee children have been admitted.

Mr. M. F. Key, who was the delegate of the Hongkong Rotary Club to the International Convention of Rotary at San Francisco, will give a report on the Convention to the local Club to-morrow emphasizing the more entertaining features of the affair.

Mr. William Z. L. Sung, Vice-President of St. John's University, Shanghai, and General Secretary of the China National Amateur Athletic Federation, is visiting Hongkong. He arrived here on Saturday in time to witness the Chinese win the Lai Wah Cup football competition yesterday afternoon.

"EVEN HOUSE OF LORDS HAVE NO POWER OVER THIS MAID"

"No power in the House of Lords can force this girl to go back to her old job," said counsel in the Marylebone County Court in a case in which "wrongful enticement" of a domestic servant is alleged.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brigstock, of Hampstead, N.W., claimed damages from Major and Mrs. E. J. Corse-Scott, and Miss Mary Ann Nolan, all of Chiswick-gardens, West Hampstead.

The claim was for damages for alleged breach of contract of domestic service by Miss Nolan, who is 18, and for damages against the other defendants for procuring and harbouring her while the contract of service still existed.

Mr. H. H. Hanworth, for the Corse-Scotts: "What is really behind this case? This girl, on December 22, walked out. She does not like the place for some reason. No power the court has got, no power the House of Lords has got, can force her back."

Judge Drysdale, Woodcock, K.C.—That has been laid down for all time. The remedy is in damages.

Mr. Hanworth submitted that by employing another servant the Brigstocks had not kept the contract alive.

The Judge—You mean that if a servant walks out and the employers get another servant they can never take an action of this nature?—Yes.

The Judge—That is the most astounding proposition of law I have ever listened to.

Judgment was reserved.

"SEZ YOU" SAYS CANON AND DEAN

With all due ceremony and in the sober voice of his kind, the townmaster at Southend's Annual Whitebait Supper announced the Archdeacon of Southend.

"Pray silence," he said, "for Canon E. N. Gowing, Master of Arts, Archdeacon of Southend-on-Sea and Rural Dean."

There was a moment's silence and then, to everyone's amazement, the Archdeacon answered: "Sez you."

Canon Gowing, most informal parson Southend has ever known, is an Australian.

He was appointed the vicar of Prittlewell, the mother parish of Southend, shortly after the war, and he still holds that living.

From the start he has startled Southend with his informality and great good humour.

He was once known as the "Canon who went with a bang" after a speech that he made at a referees' meeting.

WIDOW GETS SCOUTS' V.C.

The widowed mother of Scout Eric George Herringshaw is to receive the Cornwell Scout decoration, the most significant of all the badges in the Boy Scout movement, which was awarded posthumously to her son.

Scout Herringshaw, who was 17, belonged to the 10th South-East Leeds (Hulton) Templars group.

The decoration was awarded for "fortitude in the face of great suffering."

Scout Herringshaw died on Christmas Eve following the last of many operations.

A temporary refugee camp will be established at Kwangchowwan, by the Hainan Chinese Emergency Relief Committee in Hongkong to accommodate the 2,000 refugees who have fled there from Hainan Island.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lewis and their two children will arrive in Hongkong on Wednesday in the Kamakoua Maru from United States. Mr. Lewis will relieve Mr. A. E. Kinsey of N. Y. K. Line, transferring to the New York City office of his company in April.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors and past Presidents of the Hongkong Rotary Club was held on Friday last when Rotary matters and problems were discussed with Rotarian Alex. O. Potter, Hon. Assistant of Rotary International, and Rotarian James M. Henry, District Governor.

On Tuesday, April 11, at 3 p.m. a sale of Crown Land will take place at the offices of the Public Works Department. There will also be a sale of Crown Land on Monday (to-day) at 3 p.m. at the Public Works Department, also on April 3 at 3 p.m.

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PORTUGUESE VOLUNTEERS HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

Maj. Jarvis Stresses Need For Recruits

Reviewing the past year's activities at the annual dinner of the Portuguese Companies of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps held at the Club Lusitano on Saturday night, Major S. Jarvis, M.C., Officer Commanding, stressed the need for further recruits and his appeal was endorsed by the Commandant, Lt.-Col. H. B. Rose, M.C., and by Col. A. G. Neville, M.C., G.S.O. (1).

The principal guests were Lt.-Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant of the Corps, Col. A. G. Neville, G.S.O. (1), Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, Brigadier Reeve, Lt.-Col. D. J. MacDougall, Rt. Rev. H. Valtorta, Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, jun., Maj. S. F. Hedgecoe, Maj. G. P. Murray, Capt. C. de Sallie-Robertson, Capt. T. Addis Martin, Capt. A. Urquhart, Capt. R. R. Davies, Mr. A. B. Laborinho, Consul for Portugal, Pay Sub-Lt. Bateman, Messrs. P. M. N. da Silva, P. S. Gleed, E. R. Leitao, A. W. da Rosa, A. V. White, A. C. Botelho, D. C. Alves, G. A. Figueiredo, T. B. Wilson, E. F. Figueiredo, A. M. Xavier, A. C. Beck, E. A. Noronha, V. M. Hammond, J. M. Reis and R.Q.M.S. E. Kew.

Officers of the Portuguese Companies present at the official table included Capt. F. P. Sequeira, J. H. Lawrence, J. S. Rodrigues, Lieut. H. A. de Barros Botelho, C. D'Almada e Castro, F. V. V. Remedios, J. M. M. Alves, and E. L. Cunha.

MAJOR JARVIS

After the toasts of the King and the President of Portugal had been duly honoured, Maj. Jarvis, addressing the gathering, said:—

Since our last annual dinner two of our members, Capt. J. V. V. Remedios and Pte. R.R. Gomes, have passed on. I will now ask you to follow our custom of standing for a moment in silence as a mark of respect to their memory.

Colonel Rose and Gentlemen.—I feel to-night as Rip Van Winkle must have felt when, opening his bleary eyes at long last, he saw around him the unfamiliar inhabitants of once familiar scenes. Many old faces are missing and many new ones have taken their places since I returned from leave, and certainly since our last annual dinner.

I have often, in the course of my long and varied career in the Volunteer Forces of His Majesty's Army, felt like a doorman, I feel however that, perhaps, it might be an advantage—the word "welcome" in large black letters across my inconsiderable girth would save a good deal of my breath. Or perhaps "welcome" would be more suitable in dealing with the swift moves taking place within our orbit.

If I were, at this point, to enumerate the changes that have taken place I might be accused of reading an extract from a list of strength increases and decreases with the "aves" on one side and the "vales" on the other. This would certainly not do justice to the individuals concerned so I will deal with them as I go along.

An amazing thing about the past year is that I have not to report any change in the constitution of the Portuguese Companies. Such changes as have taken place, have merely been within the units themselves. In the past we have been accustomed to rapid metamorphoses—to adapting ourselves to all the roles we have been called upon to fulfil. At times, when the authorities have dogmatically suggested that nothing is impossible, I have been tempted to mutter darkly under my breath—have you ever tried putting toothpaste back into its tube?

PAST RECORD

However, it is right that, in these days of rapid change, we should be adaptable and our past record gives assurance of this attribute.

Lt. Botelho has now taken command of the M.G. Coy. and Lt. Ribeiro commands 'A' Platoon of the A.A. Coy. Pte. J.M.M. Alves and L/Cpl. E. L. Cunha have shouldered the responsibilities of commissioned rank and have thus filled our present requirements for officers.

Lt. Lawrence has been transferred to Reserve on account of age. Sergt. Britto has been promoted C.S.M. and Sergt. Silva, C.Q.M.S. of the M.G. Coy. we are unfortunately losing the services of C.Q.M.S. Ribeiro who, after twelve years, is finding the job really too strenuous and is handing over the "G" side of the A.A. Coy. to younger hands.

Our active strength this year is eight officers and 152 other ranks. Parades have been well attended. In the A.A. Coy. with a strength of five officers and 87 other ranks including 22 Unit Reserve, the high attendance was 87 and the average 45. In No. 5 M.G. Coy. with three officers and 56 other ranks, the highest was 52 and the average 44.

INTERPORT SHOOTING

With regard to shooting—the Interport Cup, which was won by this unit in 1937, remained in our hands during 1938, as, owing to the difficult situation in north China, Shanghai was unable to fire. Again this year we have fired off a modified competition in order to meet the lack of a 500-yard range in Shanghai and obtained a score of 983 which compares very favourably with our last successful shoot. So far, Shanghai has not been able to fire. We feel that the efforts of the Portuguese Unit of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps have been put to considerable practical use of late and we must assure them of our sincere wish to see again the time when we can cross guns with them on equal terms.

At the Corps Rifle Meeting in April last, we scored remarkable successes under poor weather conditions—so far from being the best of a bad bunch, the general standard was high.

In the Corps Championship "A" the A.A. Coy. took the first three places, two other members of the Portuguese Companies being within the next seven places. Private (now 2nd/Lt.) Alves of No. 5 Coy. came second in the Corps Championship "C" Class. In the Musketry competition the A.A. Coy. gained the first two places. Pte. Alves and Pte. Noronha, of No. 5 Coy., being first and third, respectively, in the "C" Class. The A.A. Coy. won the Blake Shield, A.A. "B" team and No. 5 M.G. Coy. coming fourth and fifth out of 25 teams. In the Francis Cup the A.A. Coy. team came a close second to the Scottish Coy. and in the Felling Plate competition No. 5 M.G. Coy. team came second.

This, I think, is a list of achievements of which this Unit may be very proud.

THE LION'S SHARE

It would seem that the A.A. Coy. had taken the lion's share but the fact is that No. 5 M.G. Coy. is largely composed of men recruited direct as machine gunners and concentrated on M.G. training—their success in the M.G. tests indicates that they had not been behind in their training.

In classification tests the A.A. Coy. gained six marksman's badges in musketry and seventeen in L.G. while the No. 5 M.G. Coy. gained four marksman's badges in musketry and fifty-two qual-

FUNERAL OF MR. F. ANDRADE

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday of Mr. Francisco Andrade, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital on Friday. The Rev. Fr. Cyril Sperrall officiated.

The late Mr. Andrade was formerly Inspector of Junks and Boats in the Harbour Department.

A large gathering of friends attended the funeral and among those present were Messrs. W. R. Hillyer, M. Santos, D. Bardia, A. Delgado, F. X. Delgado, A. Ward, F. Baptista, A. Sequeira, R. Rocha, L. Laurel, C. M. Castilho, E. Brown, W. Souza, M. Abraham, Morris Liang, W. Sprinkle and Brother Paul.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—Roman and Remy, Comdr G. F. Hole, Mr. and Mrs. F. Brett, Staff Junk Office, Mr. W. F. Blake, Mrs. G. V. Bibom, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Razaack, Mr. and Mrs. S. Supala, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leung and family, Messrs. Tak Tsing, Chung Shek Fook, Yeung family, Mr. Yau Shui-hing, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. White, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Castilho, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pires, Brothers of St. Joseph's College, Mr. and Mrs. C. Villacarias, Mr. and Mrs. A. Delgado, Boarders of St. Joseph's College, Capt and Mrs. J. T. Thirwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Willey, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Laurel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gomez.

ded as 1st class gunners and are entitled to the M.G. badge. On Sunday Feb. 26, we had a most successful Company shoot.

Various successes have been gained by officers, N.C.O.s and men in the shoots of the Rifle Association, which is a valuable asset, if it is regarded by volunteers as a means to an end. What we need are men who can use Service weapons under Service conditions.

TRIBUTE TO H.K.A.

About thirty of our members have become members of the Association and I think there is no doubt that a great deal of our general improvement in shooting has been due to their efforts. I shall be glad to see Col. Anderson's idea of a Corps Rifle Club come to fruition this year.

Capt. Sequeira, who was one of the earliest supporters of the Association and whose enthusiasm has been greatly responsible for our large representation, received a medal as one of the twenty who qualified out of a total of more than 200 competitors for the Governor's Cup at the Association's Blaisy meeting.

Again during the year the Anti-Aircraft Company have been able to carry on their specialised training thanks to the co-operation of the regular A. A. Units, whilst at home, I had a letter from Col. Crewdson in which he, in saying goodbye to us, spoke of his appreciation of his association with the Coy. in its work and wished us good luck.

In camp there was very good attendance and I am told that the four consecutive days proved very successful. The No. 5 M.G. Coy. gained considerable experience, firing with the co-operation of the Lyon light section of the Corps for the first time.

In the summer, tactical exercises were carried out when men of the A.A. Coy. attacked positions defended by No. 5 M.G. Coy. Very valuable lessons were learned.

COMBINED OPERATIONS

At the combined operations, the M.G. Coy. came into the picture in their particular role whilst the A.A. Coy. again were not used in A.A. defence practices, but demonstrated their adaptability in a return to their old role of infantrymen and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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EXPERIMENTS IN NUTRITION

That the Hongkong Government, through the Medical Department, is carrying out experiments in nutrition in the Colony's refugee camps and practical results are already noticeable, was revealed by the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, speaking at the opening of the Physical Culture Institute for Boys at the Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill, on Saturday.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke spoke of the influx of refugees which led to an inevitable lowering of wage rates and, consequently, of the standard of living, more especially among the lower classes, and commended the valuable work done by various charitable and public-welfare organisations.

In addition to these measures, he said, the Government had appointed an enlarged Nutrition Research Committee last year, one of whose main duties was to ascertain what were the needs of the population in regard to food and how best these needs could be met. The solution meant more to the health and comfort of the inhabitants than almost any other single public health measure, stated the D.M.S.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

At the usual public meeting of the Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society held last Thursday, Prof. Baron Ernest de Richemau, P.H.D., M.D. Des L., delivered a most stimulating address on the subject "I Am Not Quite So Sure," in which he criticized certain modern scientific theories which had a tendency to become dogmas. The speaker claimed that in fact, a properly developed intuition was more reliable than logical proof and the theories formulated by a consideration of a number of empirical facts, and that this insistence of logical proof by the concrete mind often shut out other forms of experience.

Turning to religion the speaker was of the opinion that the great advantage of theosophy was in the existence of its study of comparative religion.

Our lives must be, concluded the speaker, a preparation for coming transformation. The true values of life were to develop intuition, thought and power to believe, for in the unknown thought of a philosopher, the unpublished poem of the poet, the beauty of the dance and the unselfish love of the mother were the true values of lives.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. ENTERTAINMENT

An enjoyable programme of entertainment, consisting of songs, and gymnastic displays was given by members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., yesterday at the Blake playground.

Amongst those present were Mr. Wong Dun-ham, the Chairman of the Hongkong Young Men's Relief Association, Mr. Poon Chi-tong, the President of the Canton Y.M.C.A., Rev. A. J. Fisher, Mr. Lam Chi-fung, the President of the Association and S. W. Ko, the General Secretary, Mr. Wong Su-wah.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:—SOUTHBOUND Tuesday: Hanol, Bangkok, Delphinus, Delta—7 and 7.30 a.m.

NORTHBOUND Wednesday: Bangkok, Hanol, Hongkong.

Service—4.30 p.m. Air France:—NORTHBOUND Thursday: France, Hanol, Hongkong.

Service—12.30 p.m. Pan American Airways:—EASTBOUND Monday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.

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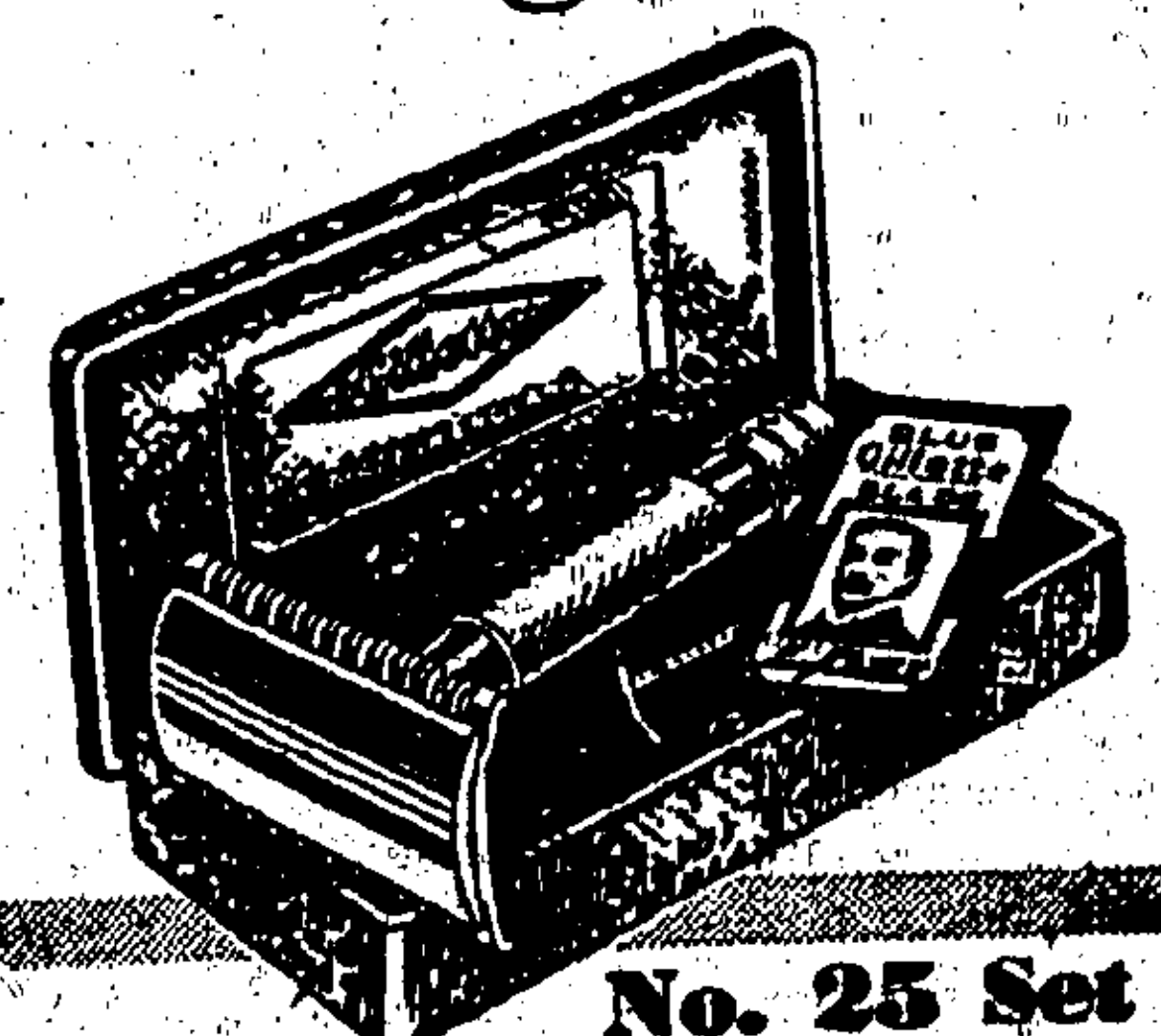
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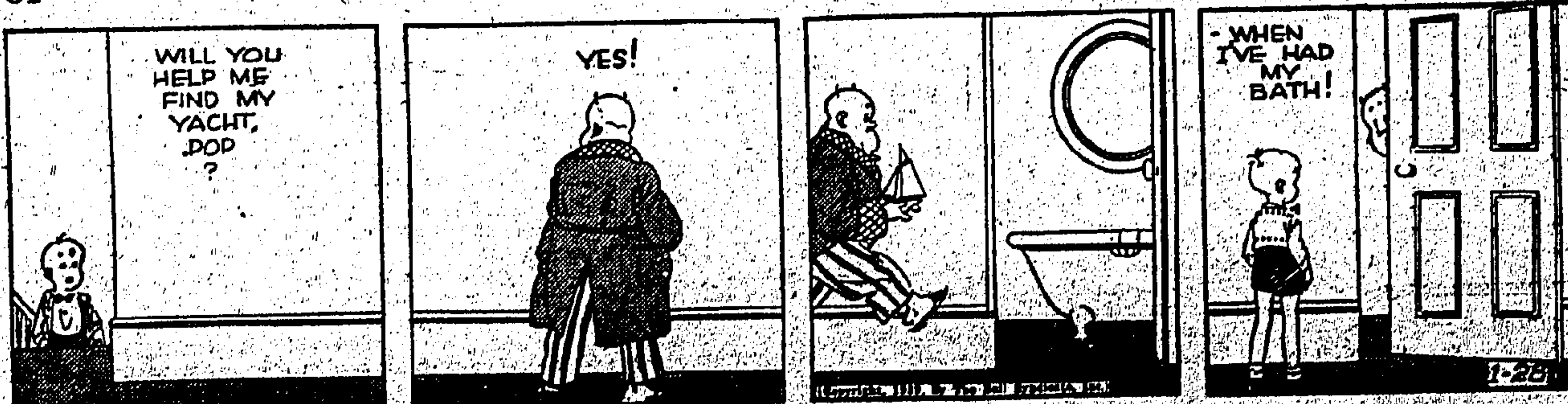
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EXAMINATION FOR
LOCAL CLERKS.

A limited competitive examination for vacancies for 3rd grade Local Clerks will be held on 11th April, at 9.30 A.M. Candidates must be between the ages of 19-30. Examination will embrace English Essay and Dictation, Arithmetic and Typewriting.

Application for selection to compete must be made in the candidate's own handwriting and should reach the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard not later than a.m., 1st April.

Two passport photographs of the candidate must be sent with the application.

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THE MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-eighth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of The Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Second Floor, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 12th day of April, 1939, at 11.30 a.m.

The Register of Members will be closed from Saturday the 1st day of April to Wednesday, the 12th day of April, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of The Board of Directors,

JOHNSON, STOKES &
MASTER,

Secretaries.

Hong Kong, 27th March, 1939.

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UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, the 13th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY,
LIMITED,
General Managers.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
& SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1939.

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TERRIBLE INDICTMENT

A SEVERE indictment of the terrible conditions which exist in the Colony at the present moment insofar as women less fortunate in society than others are concerned was made before the annual meeting of the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls by Major Dorothy Brazier, who, in her report, stressed upon the urgency for a separate Home for girls rescued from a life of prostitution. Economic causes the world over, said Major Brazier, had driven women and girls from twelve years of age upwards into such a life and it was necessary to help them back to a normal life. The girls need helping physically, morally and spiritually and they also need to learn some means by which they can earn a living other than by means of prostitution.

IT IS MOST gratifying to learn from a statement made by H.E. the Governor that the question of unfortunate girls in the Colony was under consideration and that there are hopes that something concrete will be established before long.

A VIVID picture of conditions as they exist was drawn by Major Brazier, who dealt at some length with the very fine work being carried on by the Salvation Army in Hong Kong. She revealed the untold sufferings, mental and physical, of the inmates, whose ages ranged from four days to 83 years! The Home had done its best but accommodation and equipment were far too inadequate to meet the needs. Government help had done much to make continuance of the work possible but the Home was now faced with the problem of securing new premises to carry on its work.

PAYING a very high tribute to the Salvation Army which, he asserted, had a well-deserved and world-wide reputation for its labours among the desolate and oppressed, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock spoke of the great responsibility which rested on the shoulders of Major Brazier and her fellow-workers and added that it was impossible to exaggerate the value of the girls' stay in the Home surroundings. This was the first real home which many of them had ever had. That the Home is always filled to capacity is conclusive evidence that it is meeting a pressing need and nobody who had listened to Major Brazier's report could remain unmoved. Nor could they fail to recognize and be thankful for the unwavering courage and whole-hearted devotion with which the Salvation Army ladies had handled the many and difficult problems with which they had been confronted.

THE SALVATION Army has been doing, and is still doing, wonderful work for the down-and-outs and the hope is a general one that not only will it continue to do so but that its rescue work may expand for, as Sir Henry Pollock aptly put, dozens more girls could be rescued if there were only accommodation to receive them. At present, the girls have no choice between continuing their present immoral profession and starvation. Government assistance is necessary but aid from the general public is also essential if the good work is to continue.

Portuguese Volunteers Hold Annual Dinner

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This being the twelfth year of the Portuguese Company's existence there are a number of N.C.O.s and men who are completing their qualifications for Efficiency Medals. There are also some who are falling to qualify, as they expected, owing to technical failure to fulfill all requirements. I would ask them to be patient, to remember that this medal, if it is to be respected as a decoration, must only be given as a real reward of merit and not as a consolation prize, though I will admit that there are several cases coming under the category of "Hard lines."

In our sporting and social activities we have shown the same keenness as in past years. At the Aquatic sports, after winning the Inter-unit Swimming Cup for some years in succession, we have had to bow the head at last to the Beach Defences. No doubt they have more opportunities of practice than our new role affords us—the Tytam, Aberdeen and Pokfulam reservoirs being forbidden to us.

Our billiards team again won the Soldiers' Club Billiards Tournament.

As I indicated at the opening of this speech, there have been a great many changes since our last annual dinner. We feel that in Col. Rose we have a worthy successor to Col. Anderson. Col. Rose has already found a warm spot in our hearts. He is a good all-round sportsman and his past experience with volunteers ensures his appreciation of and readiness to grapple with volunteer problems. We take this opportunity of welcoming him and assuring him of our loyal support.

We appreciate very much the way in which Col. Neville and Brig. Reeve are following the lead of their predecessors in joining in our lighter activities.

Col. Irwin, who has recently handed over his duties as G.O. (1) to Col. Neville, always showed the greatest interest in our training and the greatest pleasure in joining us here particularly at our dance—and any time Col. Neville can spare us, in whatever sphere, will be greatly appreciated. I would ask him to convey to our new G.O.C. Major Gen. Grassett, a message of our goodwill and assurance that we will continue to give him the support which we were proud to afford to his predecessor.

COL MITCHELL

We are very pleased indeed to be able to congratulate Col. Mitchell on his well-deserved promotion. His associations with this unit have been so close and references to his support since the formation of the Company have been so frequent that there is nothing more to say.

Maj. Hedgecoe is leaving us shortly to return to his Regiment. We are sorry to lose him. His spirit of friendly co-operation has been of the greatest help in all the changes that have taken place during his term as Adjutant and I hope we may be as fortunate in his successor.

I must make one last personal reference and that is in expressing our satisfaction at seeing here our great friend and supporter Senhor Laborinho, Consul for Portugal. He has, I know, cancelled a much more intimate social engagement in order to be with us to-night.

It is to a great extent due to his inspiration that so many of the members of the Portuguese community have recognized the duty they owe to the Colony in supporting the unit.

For a long time we have been depressed by the inadequacy of our Headquarters but I now understand that we may look with greater hope to the time when we shall be adequately housed. The Military authorities have in the past been somewhat like the banker with the glass eye—the depressed business man had gone to see his banker about an overdraft and afterwards said that he thought he had detected a gleam of sympathy in the artificial eye which was entirely missing from the real one.

It seems now, however, that the Military authorities are seeing the situation clearly and sympathetically with both eyes and that the rest remains with the local Government.

MAINTAINING STRENGTH

I find it difficult to add anything to what I have stressed in previous years as to the necessity for maintaining our strength, efficiency and preparedness.

FRANCE GETS BUSY

BIG PROGRAMME AHEAD

PARIS, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Now that President Lebrun's visit to Britain is finished, France is anticipating a busy administrative period.

The Cabinet on Monday will review the international situation and pass further decrees under the Plenary Powers Act.

The military measures taken under the first group of the decrees are reported to have already cost seven milliard francs.

A meeting of the Chamber on Tuesday will consider electoral reform with a view to securing greater stability and ensuring a truer popular representation.

Both the Senate and the Chamber are preparing for meetings at Versailles on April 4 to elect a new President. It is now reported that President Lebrun will not agree to the suggestion made in many quarters that he should remain in the Presidency for another term.

CHINESE STAGE SHOW

A splendid Chinese stage show under the auspices of the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association was given at the Lee Theatre yesterday and will be repeated this evening.

The artists include Kam So-kam, Lo Tsui-lan and Tse Lo-lan in a well selected programme. The proceeds are in aid of wounded soldiers and refugees.

CATHEDRAL DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

The bridge and mahjong drive held by St. John's Cathedral Women's Fellowship on March 27 showed a profit of \$21 which will enable the Fellowship to buy wools and working materials.

The prize-winners were: — Bridge—Mrs. Hynes, Mahjong—Chinese Game, Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Esmail. Clear Game: Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. McMahon.

Sousa, 2, Pte. C. M. Azedo; 3, Pte. C. M. da Silva.

Inter-Unit Musketry: — Companies' Headquarters (Major S. Jarvis, M.C., E.D.; Capt. F. P. Sequeira; C.S.M. H. M. Britto; Pte J. J. Lima).

The Competition: — No. 22 Platoon—A.A. Company (Lieut. F. V. Ribeiro; Sgt. J. P. Baleros; L/Cpl. G. A. Ribeiro; L/Cpl. A. d'Aquino).

Small Arms Competition:—No. 18 Platoon—No. 5 M.G. Company (Lieut. H. A. de B. Botelho; 2/Lt. J. M. M. Alves; C.S.M. H. M. Britto; Sgt. V. M. Nunes; Cpl. G. A. Pinna; Cpl. L. G. Pinna; Pte. J. C. Fonseca).

Mixed Team Competition:—2/Lt. J. M. M. Alves (Capt.); C.S.M. H. M. Britto; Cpl. A. F. Ferreira; Pte. R. D. Silva.

Revolver Competition:—1, Sgt. J. P. Baleros; 2, Pte. C. P. Basto. Officers' Prize:—Capt. F. P. Sequeira.

Captain Sequeira's Cup:—L/Cpl. G. A. Ribeiro.

Rifle—Best Aggregate Score:—L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios.

Rifle—Best Improvement:—Cpl. A. F. Ferreira.

Lewis Gun—High Gun:—L/Sgt. J. M. Oliveira.

Sergeant Xavier's Cup:—Pte. C. P. Basto.

Recruits Magazine Filling Competition:—1, Pte. A. H. Azedo; 2, Pte. J. A. Marques; 3, Pte. L. M. Rosa.

Lewis Gun—I. A. Stoppages Competition:—1, L/Cpl. A. d'Aquino; 2, Cpl. A. F. Ferreira.

Regular Attendance Prize:—C.S.M. M. F. Baptista; C.S.M. H. M. Britto; Sgts. J. P. Baleros; M. A. Baptista; V. A. Neves; L/Sgt. S. R. Silva; J. M. Oliveira; J. D. Remedios; Cpls. J. T. P. Souza; R. U. Danenberg; M. M. de V. Soares; C. O. Baptista; A. F. Ferreira; L/Cpl. C. A. da Rosa; G. A. Ribeiro; A. P. Pereira; G. A. Guterres; C. M. Azedo; Pte. J. J. Lima; A. E. Abal; F. J. Collaco; V. A. V. Ribeiro; L. G. Remedios; A. F. Carmo; J. R. Oates; C. N. da Silva; J. M. Jesus; G. V. Silva; and L. M. Silva.

Ladies' Prize:—1, Mrs. J. M. Xavier—"Champion" L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios; 2, Mrs. A. E. Ribeiro—"Champion" L/Cpl. G. A. Ribeiro; 3, Mrs. C. P. Basto—"Champion" C.S.M. H. M. Britto.

Dr. Oorid's Cup:—1, Pte. R. A.

Hello & Goodbye

(BY A. W. HYER)

No human, mechanical or scientific device can tell nature's weather what to do. We accept it and like it, making the best of the situation. And transport facilities are not exempted and, consequently, it is frequently necessary for commercial aircraft and even surface transportation to acknowledge the supremacy of the elements.

Such is the case regarding the delayed "Pan American Airways" new Boeing Clipper which left Guam last week-end only to return and await better flying conditions in accordance with their code of "Safety First Measures."

At noon, to-day this huge super-luxe flying boat is due to arrive at Kai Tak. Captain U.B. Beer, at the controls, has no paying guests on board. However, a cable on Saturday, from U.S. Air Officials in Washington, D.C., informed Mr. Phil Delany, of the local Pan American office, that the two new Boeings have passed all "Safety Tests" and that they can and now accept reservations for passage by these new boats.

The Boeing Clipper is due to depart for San Francisco, via Manila and Honolulu, to-morrow morning at approximately 8.30 o'clock.

President Pierce

ON SATURDAY last at 4 p.m. the President Pierce tooted adios to a rain drenched Hongkong and sailed out of the harbour for Japan and San Francisco.

Friends crowded about Bishop Ralph A. Ward, extending him good wishes. He received warm welcome and thanks for his learned and kind missionary who has worked for many years throughout China. After a short vacation, combined with a bit of work, Bishop Ward expects to return to continue his duties in the Far East.

Miss L. J. Montilla, accompanied by two young friends, Miss N. Paterno and Miss L. Lason, sailed from this port to San Francisco. It will be a holiday for the three young ladies, they expect to have a gay time of it in the next couple of months visiting America and the Falls. Miss Montilla is the daughter of the Hon. Gil Montilla, Speaker in the National Assembly of the Philippines, and president of sugar, oil and lumber concerns in the Islands.

A very sweet and charming elderly lady is Mrs. Spencer Lewis. During the past twenty years she has worked throughout China for humanity. Now, for the first time in a score of years she is returning to her native country, America, satisfied to some extent with her labours and intending to do all she can for China and its people in her own country.

Major J. Chater Jack, a visitor arriving from South Africa by the m.v. Bossevain, transhipped to the President Pierce for a trip to San Francisco. This gentleman eluded us on both occasions, his arrival and departure. Reports have it that he is on a world cruise and enjoying himself immensely.

ON SATURDAY at 8.10 a.m., the popular "Victoria" was in from Shanghai for a call of several hours. Business brings Mr. Max Neumann calling to the Colony. The

Imperial Airways

plane from Bangkok arrived at Kai Tak on Saturday afternoon. Captain A. I. Dykes, of the Dorado, had the pleasure of transporting Mrs. Dykes to Hongkong. She has come from England to join her husband now stationed on the Hongkong to Bangkok route.

A sorry state has come into existence with the new "Closed Mouth" policy towards Hongkong's press by this company. Over the week-end the local office issued a statement to all its employees, which includes the office caddy up to the Manager, Lieut. Commander A. D. S. Murray, to the effect that no company business, names or information concerning Imperial Airways' passengers were to be given to the press.

Therefore, under this new ruling, our information concerning the interesting visitors arriving in and departing from the Colony by Imperial Airways will have to be on a "hit or miss" basis; a few we will not.

The "Dorado" brought mail from all ports.

FAR EASTERN

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending March 18 states:—

Plague:—Basselin 2 cases. Cholera:—Cawnpore 1 case, Basselin 1, Calcutta 87.

Small-pox:—Allahabad 2 cases, Cawnpore 1, Masulipatam 1, Delhi City 2, Bombay 10, Calcutta 190, Madras 43, Rangoon 2, Hanoi 1, Saigon Cholera 2, Hongkong 13, Shanghai 34.

FIRING PRACTICE

Firing practice will be carried out from Pakshawan Fort between the hours of 7.30 p.m. and 12 midnight and from West Fort, Stonecutters Island, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 12 midnight to-day.

GAME LICENCE

It is notified in the "Government Gazette" that the Governor in Council further amends the Wild Birds Ordinance, 1922, by adding a further regulation after regulation 5, as follows:—

If the Commissioner of Police is satisfied that a game licence has been lost or destroyed or accidentally defaced, he may issue a duplicate thereof on payment of a fee of \$5.00.

RELIEF FUND

The British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China now stands at \$444,399.49. The latest donations are:—

The Chinese Staff of Geo. K. Hall, Brutton & Co. \$93; Eng. Comdr. H. J. White \$33.19; and H.E.C. Chinese Employee Rec. Club \$100.

"WE ARE READY FOR WAR WITH ANY ADVERSARY NO MATTER HOW STRONG"

Poland Prepared THREAT OF GERMAN ENCIRCLEMENT

Million Troops Called Up: Frontiers Strengthened

WARSAW, MARCH 26 (REUTERS)—"WE ARE READY FOR WAR WITH ANY ADVERSARY, NO MATTER HOW STRONG," declares the "Polska Zbrojna," the official organ of the Polish Army in a leading article.

The journal continues: "We want to make things absolutely clear. The Polish Nation has no inferiority complex where powerful nations are concerned. The Poles are not afraid of the number of divisions of her enemies, of their technical equipment, nor of any bombardment."

"The number of our own divisions, our fighting spirit, our technical equipment and the manly attitude of our nation are absolutely sufficient for victory and we are well aware that our bayonets will ensure that victory, as we are waiting for them."

SECRET ARMY

Earlier reports stated that Poland's future course of action, in the face of encirclement by Germany and hints of the secret arming of German residents in the Polish Corridor, may be decided within the next 24 hours.

President Moscicki has summoned a Grand Council of the Cabinet and Army leaders to consider "important decisions" which are undoubtedly concerned with the European tensions and the British bid for a common anti-aggression front.

The Warsaw correspondent of "The Times" says that Poland is still reluctant to enter the anti-Nazi bloc on the terms suggested by Britain, but is ready to enter into talks on the basis of genuine collective security.

GERMAN TROOPS THREAT

In the meantime, nerves are strained in Poland. Fighting occurred between German and Polish civilians in the streets of Teschen, the zone which Poland carved out of Czechoslovakia after Munich.

BOMBING RAIDS BY JAPANESE

Several Districts Visited

NANCHANG, Mar. 26 (Central)—A Japanese bombing expedition to Nanchang by a group of 49 planes was frustrated by inclement weather on Friday and were forced to turn back before they reached the city. One of them was brought down by Chinese anti-aircraft guns at Nihang, in north Kiangsi.

On Thursday last about 40 Japanese aircraft raided Nanchang in relays between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. They unloaded more than 100 light and heavy bombs. Houses demolished numbered about 200, but there were few casualties as most of the civilians have been evacuated.

YELLOW RIVER TOWNS BOMBED

LOYANG, Mar. 26 (Central)—Towns situated on the Yellow River on the Honan-Shansi border were raided by Japanese aircraft in relays yesterday, when 18 civilians were killed and about 20 wounded, while over 200 houses were wrecked.

In the morning five planes dropped over 30 bombs near the east and north city gates of Yuanku, north-west of Loyang. Three planes attacked Peihochen, where six bombs were released. Two planes winged their way to Mengtiao, north-west of Loyang, dumping eight bombs in the eastern part of the city. Six machines later rained more than 30 missiles in Pinglu and Maotintu, on the north bank.

In the afternoon three machines visited the suburban areas of Loyang. Thirteen bombs were released at various points.



Picture taken at the First Extra Race meeting held at Happy Valley. (Photo by Leica).

FRANCO'S ULTIMATUM TO MADRID: TOKEN SURRENDERS DEMANDED

ST. JEAN DE LUZ, Mar. 26 (Reuters)—Gen. Franco's ultimatum to the Republicans gives them 72 hours, according to reports received in diplomatic circles here.

GERMANY SIGNS ANOTHER TRADE AGREEMENT

BERLIN, Mar. 26 (Reuters)—An agreement, which, it is stated, will increase the volume of trade between Germany and Holland, was signed yesterday and will remain in force until the end of 1940.

Gen. Franco's stipulations stated that he would require the Republican Infantry to hand over their arms in twenty-four specified sectors, ranging over the whole front, while token surrenders are to be made as guarantees at six strategic points, one of which will be Madrid.

FRENCH DECISION

PARIS, Mar. 26 (Reuters)—The French Government has decided to hand over to Gen. Franco all units of the Republican Naval Squadron which recently took refuge in Bizerta. The ships comprise three cruisers and eight destroyers.

War Work Of Chinese Scouts And Guides

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central)—Under the banner of the Chinese Boy Scouts Association, about 350,000 by scouts and girl guides are assisting various government and public organisations in carrying out a mass education programme, popularising the New Life Movement and training war orphans.

From far-flung Kansu to Kiangsu, an army of youthful teachers in spic and span scouts' uniform is preaching the importance of mass education.

The Chinese Scouts Headquarters here has also established a "school" for training war orphans in salesmanship. After six months' training, these youngsters will be recommended to various shops.

SABOTAGE RULED OUT

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuters)—Five women were injured, in addition to the three people who were killed in the explosion at Faversham.

The concussion was felt within a radius of fifteen miles. The cause is still a mystery, but sabotage is officially ruled out.

ARCHPRIEST TAKES OFFICE

Solemn Ceremony At St. Peter's

ROME, Mar. 26 (T/Ocean)—Cardinal Tedeschini has been appointed by Pope Pius XII as Archbishop of St. Peter's and assumed his new office on Saturday with solemn ceremony.

At the steps of St. Peter's he was received with great pomp, then proceeding to the Chapel of the All-Holiest for prayer.

Afterwards he was conducted to the Sacristy of St. Peter, where, seated on his throne, he received the professions of obedience of the clergy of his Basilica. The new Archbishop held speech in which he recalled, with reverence, Pope Pius XI and thanked Pope Pius XII for the favour of his appointment as Archbishop.

After the ceremony, a solemn procession in St. Peter's was held, halts being made at the sacred Chapel of Confession and at the Altar in the Apse where the Archbishop took possession of the Basilica with the usual ritual.

JAPAN WANTS TO JOIN IN

GOODWILL GIFT TO GERMANY

TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Reuters)—A petition urging the Government to conclude a military alliance with Germany and Italy against Britain and France, has been presented to the Premier by representatives of the four minority parties.

The petition states that Britain and France are hindering the attainment of Japan's objective in the "sacred" campaign in China.

RETURN OF CAROLINE ISLANDS

The "News Chronicle" learns that the Japanese Government has offered to return the Caroline Islands to Germany as a gesture of goodwill and an example to other countries holding ex-German colonies.

The offer was accompanied by a condition that the islands be given back to Japan as soon as Germany has recovered her colonies from Britain and France.

A previous report from Berlin had said that Nazi circles were discussing the return to Germany of Tsingtao, on the Kiaochow Peninsula, which Japan captured from Germany during the Great War.

Mussolini's Speech

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"If the problem is considered on the claim of morality nobody has the right to throw the first stone. As both ancient and modern history have shown abundantly, I declare that if people having immense resources in man power and arsenals are incapable of making a gesture that shows it is overdue for its new destiny."

Referring to the problems of "a colonial character" Mussolini said, "These problems have names and are called: Tunis, Djibouti and Suez Canal."

"The French Government is perfectly free to refuse, or even engage, in mere discussion on these problems as it has done with the too often reiterated and, perhaps, too categorical never never. But they will not be in a position to complain if the French dividing the two countries becomes so deep that the task of crossing it becomes most arduous, if not impossible."

"Events are moving. We desire that nothing more shall be heard of the brotherhood, sisterhood, cousinhood or other bastard parenthoods because the relations between us are the relation of force and these relations of force are the determining elements of our policy."

ADRIATIC GULF

"When we say Mediterranean we include, naturally, the Adriatic Gulf in which the interests of Italy are pre-eminent but not exclusive where the Slavs are concerned and for that reason peace has reigned there for the last two years."

"Lastly, fundamentally we must arm. The order of the day is more and more ships and more aeroplanes at whatever cost, and by whatever means, even if we have to wipe out completely what is called civilian life."

"When you are strong you become dear to your friends and you are feared by your enemies. From prehistoric days the one cry has been borne over the centuries, 'Woe to the unarmed!'"

"Comrades, the glorious black-shirt bears the ornament of the same red colour as our blood and the blood of others, which we are ready to shed, whenever the interests of Italy are at stake."

"This is your great day inspired by courage, sacrifice and faith. You have given a powerful impulse to the wheel of history. I ask you, do you desire honours or an easy life? Does the impossible exist for you? What are the three words which form our dogma? Believe, obey and fight. In these three words has been, and will be, the secret of every victory and Mussolini."

BOMBING IN KIANGSI TOWNS

KINAN, KIANGSI, Mar. 26 (Central)—Kaoan, south-west of Nanchang, was raided by 48 Japanese warplanes in relays yesterday. Changchuen and Tsingkiang, in Central Kiangsi, were also attacked by about ten Japanese planes. Damage was slight.



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Lucky Again (late Gold Vase) ...	53	46
Three Farthings ...	103	89
Zero ...	87	82
Total ...	529	195

RACE TWO

"THE DRAG HUNTERS' PLATE"

Messrs. Lewis & Dobson's Clowner.

(Mr. E. F. P. Dobson) 1

Mr. Butcher's March Brown

(Mr. A. H. R. Butcher) 2

Mr. J. P. Murphy's

Jack O'Lantern

(Mr. T. W. Chattey) 3

Won by 1 length, three lengths

between second and third.

Time: 3.38.1.

Parl-mutuel:—

Win: \$13.30.

Places: \$5.50, \$6.50, \$8.

Also ran:—Arabian Cat (Mr. G.

W. Hook), Canary (Mr. K. I. M.

Buchanan), Herga (Mr. E. G. Le

Geyd), King's Parade (Mr. W. E.

Grieve), Public Hero No. 1 (Mr.

Hemans), Punch (Mr. B. A.

Fargus).

Betting Win. Place.

Arabian Cat ... 14 32

Canary ... 3 5

Clowner ... 255 258

Herga ... 14 22

Jack O'Lantern ... 56 79

King's Parade ... 150 129

March Brown ... 247 150

Public Hero No. 1 ... 6 11

Punch ... 29 37

Total ... 775 721

RACE THREE

"THE BRISBANE HANDICAP"

Mr. Threemore's Cape York, 140

lbs. (Mr. E. G. Le Geyd)

Major Oliver's Sea Urchin, 153

lbs. (Mr. T. W. Chattey) 2

Mr. M. M. Watson's

Glorious Star, 166 lbs.

(Mr. G. W. Hook) 3

Won by many lengths, 6 lengths

between second and third.

Time: 3.12.3.

Parl-mutuel:—

Win: \$16.20.

Places: \$3, \$11.20, \$8.40.

Also ran:—Iroquois, 169 lbs. (Mr.

W. G. Grieve), Margaret, 152 lbs.

(Mr. P. M. Hoo), Spectrum, 189

(Mr. B. A. Fargus).

Betting Win. Place.

Cape York ... 231 103

Glorious Star ... 289 219

Iroquois ... 24 31

Margaret ... 29 40

Sea Urchin ... 40 49

Spectrum ... 238 188

Total ... 851 630

RACE FOUR

"THE ST. JOHN CUP"

Mr. H. B. L. Dowling's

Ebony Idol, 147 lbs.

(Mr. B. A. Froulx) 1

Mr. H.H.'s Fei Ying, 140 lbs.

(Mr. S. L. Yuen) 2

Mr. Hoping's Flybynight, 156

lbs. (Mr. P. Wei) 3

Won by 2 lengths, 2 lengths be-

tween second and third.

Time: 2.10.3.

Parl-mutuel:—

Win: \$22.20.

Places: \$3, \$20.10, \$7.30.

Also ran:—Cuban Love, 140 lbs.

(Mr. P. M. Hoo), Emergency Call,

144 (Mr. Ip Kuei-ying), Plain View,

153 (Mr. H. C. Ely), Royal High-

ness, 163 (Mr. T. Y. Woo).

Betting Win. Place.

Cuban Love ... 9 4

Ebony Idol ... 212 143

Emergency Call ... 17 14

Fei Ying ... 37 29

Flybynight ... 317 186

Plain View ... 305 245

Royal Highness ... 172 83

Total ... 1,060 684

RACE FIVE

"THE HOBART PLATE"

Mr. Luminous' Amber II, 155

lbs. (Mr. Ip Kuei-ying) 1

Mr. J. F. MacGregor's

Schmetterling, 152 lbs.

(Mr. T. W. Chattey) 2

Mr. G. Trevorton's Bruno, 155

lbs. (Mr. T. Y. Woo) 3

Won by 1 length, 2 lengths be-

tween second and third.

Time: 2.10.3.

Parl-mutuel:—

Win: \$22.20.

Places: \$3, \$20.10, \$7.30.

Also ran:—Cuban Love, 140 lbs.

(Mr. P. M. Hoo), Emergency Call,

144 (Mr. Ip Kuei-ying), Plain View,

153 (Mr. H. C. Ely), Royal High-

ness, 163 (Mr. T. Y. Woo).

Betting Win. Place.

Cuban Love ... 9 4

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Emergency Call ... 17 14

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SOVIET RED ARMY START MANOEUVRES

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuters)—The

Soviet Red Army exercises have begun along the whole of Russia's western frontier from Leningrad to White Russia, says the Warsaw correspondent of "The Times."

General Timoshenko, Kavaloff and Meretzkoff, commanders of the Kiev, White Russian and Leningrad military districts respectively, left the Communist Congress in Moscow before the close in order to superintend the exercises.

Marshal Voroshiloff, the War Commissar, has arrived at Minsk and Marshal Budennyi in the Leningrad district.

In Minsk and other towns there have been extensive experiments in repelling air and gas attacks in the last few days.

Ibs. (Mr. G. F. H. Churchill) 3

Won by one length, a neck be-

tween second and third.

Time: 1.26.

Parl-mutuel:—

Win: \$8.60.

Places: \$7.10, \$12.60.

Also ran:—African Diamond, 155

lbs. (Mr. P. Wei).

Betting Win. Place.

African Diamond ... 1,821 113

Amber II ... 446 169

Bruno ... 153 78

Schmetterling ... 89 47

Total ... 2,509 407

RACE SIX

"THE SUBS. SCURRY"

Dr. S. N. Chan's

Thanksgiving Day, 152 lbs.

(Mr. Ip Kuei-ying) 1

Mr. Chuong Ho-yen's Welcome,

161 lbs. (Mr. L. E. Chao) 2

Messrs. Chan Bros.' Rose Day,

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tween second and third.

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Radio Programmes

(Continued from Page 3)

Egon Petri (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra Conducted by Walter Goehr.

2.15 p.m. Close down.

6.00 p.m. "For The Children."

"Robin Hood And The Sorrowful Knight." An Old English Greenwood Play by Franklyn Kelsey, produced in the London studios of the British Broadcasting Corporation by Derek McCulloch. Cast: Foster Richardson; Franklyn Kelsey; Ralph Trueman; Ralph de Rohan; Eric Stanley; Cyril Nash; Marie Goossens at the Harp; The Gresham Parkington Quintet.

6.30 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.35 p.m. Dance Music.

Quickstep—Summer's End; Slow Fox-Trot—Two Sleepy People (film "Thanks for the Memory")—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Don't Let That Moon Get Away (film "Sing, you Sinners"); Why Doesn't Somebody Tell Me These Things—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

6.45 p.m. London Relay—Music-Hall.

Including Turner Layton, My Piano and I. Randolph Sutton; Britain's Premier Light Comedian George Wood, the "Peter Pan of Vaudeville," assisted by Dolly Harmer and The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra conducted by Charles Shadwell. Presented by John Sharman.

7.45 p.m. London Relay—This is France—3.

"Monsieur et Madame Tout le monde" by Felix De Grand Combe.

8.00 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Mendelssohn—Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64.

Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The State Opera Orchestra conducted by Dr. Leo Blech.

8.30 p.m. Studio—Two Piano Recital by Luba Shafstain and Lya Gurevitch.

Arensky Suite: (a) Romance, (b) Valse, (c) Polonaise.

9.00 p.m. London Relay—The Club of Queer Trades.

By G. K. Chesterton.

Episode 3: The Awful Reason of the Vicar's Visit. Adapted for broadcasting by Douglas Cleverdon. Characters: Gilbert Swinburne; Basil Grant; the Rev. Ellis Shorter; 'Arry alias Miss Brett; Bill alias Miss James; Sam alias

Miss Mowbray; Mrs. Shorter; A constable. Production by Michael Goodwin.

9.30 p.m. London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m. The Maestro Singers. Maire, My Girl (Casey and Altken), Little Annie Rooney (Nolan); Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me A Bow-Wow (Tabrar)—with Piano accompaniment.

10.00 p.m. London Relay—In Town To-night.

Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interview with Lionel Gamlin, flashes from the news of the week and 'Standing in the Corner' (Michael Standing interviews the 'Man in the Street'). Edited and produced by C. F. McEwan.

10.30 p.m. Dance Music.

Waltz—Golden Heart; Slow Fox-Trot—In The Chapel In The Moonlight—Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

Rumbas—Blue Rumba; Coubanabana—The Lecuona Cuban Boys with Vocal Chorus. Fox-Trots—The First Time I Saw You (film "The Toast of New York"); I'm Happy When You're Happy (film "Hide and Seek")—Judy Wilbur and His Band with Vocal Chorus. Tangos—La Punalda; Se Lo Llevaron—Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—At The Cafe Continental; On The Beach At Ball-Ball—Maurice Winnick and His Orch. with Vocal Refrain.

11.00 p.m. Close down.

SHAI FOOTBALL TEAM FOR H.K.

Lido R.C. To Come
Down In May

The Lido Recreation Club football team, winners of the Skottowe Cup competition in Shanghai, are visiting the Colony for a series of games early in May under the auspices of Eastern Athletic Association.

They hope, if they do well, to extend their tour to the South Seas.

The team will arrive on May 5 and will engage Eastern in the first game. Arrangements are now being made for them to meet a team from the Hongkong Football Association.

The Lido team number among

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE SPORTS

The annual sports of St. Stephen's College were held at Stanley on Saturday. Several keen races were witnessed, but no outstanding performances were recorded.

The track conditions were poor, and it was only in field events that the College produced two contenders for inter-school honours.

Lo Wing-chak cleared 19 ft. 1 in. in the Long Jump, and should do better under more favourable conditions.

St. Stephen's should be commended for having included in their programme of events the Discus Throw and the Hop, Step, and Jump. Lo Wing-chak won the two events with the promising marks of 90 ft. 11 in. and 37 ft. 1 in., respectively. Lou Koo-chin putted the shot 37 ft. 3 in.

The junior sprints were won in faster time than the senior sprints, and in the 50 metres race one record was equalled.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE SPORTS

The annual sports of Queen's College, which was to have been held on Saturday, was postponed to a later date, only five events being decided when a heavy down-pour at noon intervened. The events were the Senior 100 and 440 yards and shot put, and the Junior 100 yards and long jump.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNEY

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—The following are further results of the International Hockey Tournament:

Men: — At Edgbaston, England beat Ireland by one goal to nil. At Inverness, Scotland beat Wales by two goals to one.

Women: — At Edinburgh, Scotland beat Wales by five goals to nil. At Belfast, England beat Ireland by three goals to two.

their players most of the Chinese players who have been prominent in Shanghai for a number of years, among the more notable being Suen Kam-suen, Lee Yee-san and Li Ning, all three of whom are familiar to Hongkong fans.

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Exceptional Increase In Earnings

Over half a million dollars' profit, double that of the previous year, was reported at the annual general meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday. Those present were Mr. S. M. Churn (chairman), Messrs. P. M. Hodgson, J. P. Braga, T. B. Wilson and Li Tse-fong (directors), Mr. R. A. Wickerson (secretary and manager) and Messrs. S. M. Bander, Miss Stella Bander, C. Bond, E. J. M. Churn, H. Q. Hunt, Lam Shu-chuen, M. Well and E. Woodhouse.

The Chairman said:—The results achieved during the year under review are extremely gratifying, showing a net profit, after making provision for all charges, contingencies and Directors' and Auditors' fees, of \$556,058.50, as compared with \$236,018.23 earned in 1937, an increase of 135 per cent.

This very exceptional increase in earnings is due to the extraordinary conditions ruling throughout the year, and it cannot be expected that, with the return to more normal conditions, earnings on this scale can be maintained, and while we have thus benefited from distressed cargo the same influences have reduced the size of our business in other specific lines.

The demand for storage space declined during the latter part of 1938 and so far during the current year also, and therefore as opportunity offers we are closing down the leased godowns and yards and concentrating all cargo to our own properties.

At the present time we have only the North Point Yard on lease. Our godowns are reasonably well filled and we continue to obtain a very fair share of the storage business offering.

The closure of Canton in October last has naturally adversely affected our storage and shipping business, but we hope that this trade will be restored in the near future.

It is somewhat disappointing that the facilities which we offer for loans against the security of merchandise on storage, are not availed of to a greater extent by our customers, and I take this opportunity to assure them that we are anxious to develop this branch of our business.

Turning to the Balance Sheet I trust you will agree that it shows a very sound position, and the proposed allocations from the balance at Profit and Loss Account of \$150,000.00 to an Equalisation of Dividends Reserve together with the creation of a General Reserve of \$100,000.00 will contribute to the strength of your Company.

During the year under review we disposed of the vacant land KIL 1992 and the loss incurred has been written off from Contingencies Reserve. Your Directors had no intention of developing this land and therefore it was decided to sell at a small loss, thus saving in taxes and interest.

You will observe that we have commenced a Sinking Fund to provide the Book Value of the Buildings in 25 years.

You will have noted that we have adjusted the Book Value of our 50.45 per cent. interest in the undertaking of The Sandakan Light and Power Company to market value. This has been done in order to throw the Balance Sheet into truer perspective.

In March last the final step in our reconstruction scheme was taken when the call of \$1.75 per share was made on the New Shares. The funds so obtained together with our cash balances were used to liquidate the loan of \$500,000.00 and also the bank overdraft of \$332,728.92.

I would now ask you to turn to the Directors' Report and the Dividend Resolution. I would explain that we have found difficulty in arranging for the complete consolidation of individual shareholdings as some shareholders have removed from their registered addresses and failed to notify the Company, or have not replied to our repeated requests to regularise their holdings. In order therefore to complete the consolidation in practice we are proposing that power be taken in the dividend resolution sanctioning the capitalisation of up to \$6 of the dividend due to any shareholder as may be necessary to effect the final consolidation of his holding of the Company's Shares.

The proposed Dividend of 10 per cent. and Bonus of 5 per cent. will absorb \$312,292.41, say 56 per cent. of the profits earned this year. I wish to emphasise that the Bonus of 5 per cent. is an extraordinary distribution and to stress that shareholders cannot expect a like bonus in future years as the additional profits have been only earned because of the exceptional demand for space due to the disturbed political conditions obtaining during the last eighteen months or so.

I will now deal with the remaining item of our proposals "Bonus of Staff \$15,000." This sum will be utilised to pay the permanent staff a bonus for their loyal services during the year, and I need hardly mention that with the increased volume of business to which I have already referred, this proposal should commend your unqualified approval. In addition to the ordinary bonus, the proposed appropriation of \$15,000.00 provides for a suitable grant to Mr. J. C. Guterres, our former Secretary and Manager, who after fourteen years of faithful service is due for retirement at the end of this month.

In the place of Mr. Guterres your Board has appointed Mr. R. A. Wickerson to be Secretary and Manager to the Company. Mr. Wickerson has been many years in Tientsin as Secretary and Manager to the Tientsin Land Investment Co., Ltd., one of the oldest and largest local companies of that port.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. T. B. Wilson, the Report and statement of accounts were adopted.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, the following special resolution was passed:—

"That dividends at the rates hereinafter mentioned be and are hereby declared on the issued and fully paid up Shares in the Company's Capital in accordance with the rights thereto attached, i.e.

(A) On the 294,789 Consolidated Shares of HK\$5 each credited as fully paid up on January 1, 1938, (hereinafter referred to as "A" Shares) a dividend at 10 per cent. per annum together with a Bonus of 5 per cent. per annum equal to the sum of HK. Dollar Cents Seventy-five each.

(B) On the 147,395 Consolidated Shares of HK\$5 each credited as fully paid up on April 1, 1938 (hereinafter referred to as "B" Shares) a Dividend at 10 per cent. per annum together with a Bonus of 5 per cent. per annum equal to the sum of HK. Dollar cents 61.875 each.

And that such dividends be paid on Demand at the Registered Offices of the Company to the Shareholders entitled as under:—

(1) As to Shareholders holding "A" and/or "B" Consolidated Shares ONLY, such dividend hereby declared shall be payable wholly in cash.

(2) As to Shareholders holding "A" and/or "B" Consolidated Shares AND ALSO one unconsolidated share of HK\$2.50 fully paid up (which has not been consolidated inasmuch as only two such shares can be consolidated) into one Consolidated share) as follows:—(a) HK\$3 (or where the Shareholder is owner of both "A" and "B" Consolidated shares then HK\$5) of the total dividend payable, shall be applied by the Company on behalf of the Shareholder in the purchase from S. M. Churn, Esq., (as Trustee for the Shareholders concerned) of such Fractional Certificates for one half of an "A" and/or "B" Consolidated Share as may be required to permit the final consolidation of the Shareholder's holding, and the balance of the dividend hereby declared shall be payable in cash.

(3) Provided that in case of Shareholders under (2) above entitled to a dividend less than HK\$3 (or HK\$5 as the case may

British Television For U.S.

A British television company, in the face of world competition, has succeeded in capturing the enormous American market.

Shortly, dapper, enthusiastic Solomon Sagall, founder and director of Scopony, Limited, of London will sail for New York to complete arrangements for the formation of a \$2,000,000 corporation to bring British television to the American public.

When America introduces television with the opening of the World Fair at the end of April, New York cinema audiences will see the first transmissions on British television screens.

"COAST-TO-COAST"

Many big New York cinemas are to be equipped with the system of large-screen television, patented by Mr. Sagall's company, on which the Boon-Danahar fight was seen, at one London news theatre.

"It will only be a matter of months before transmitters will be in operation from coast to coast," Mr. Sagall said recently. "We are planning to put home-receivers on the market, too, while certain of our equipment is to be used in American transmitting stations."

U.S. TO BUILD SOVIET SHIPS

The visit of a Russian naval mission to the United States reveals the determination of the Soviet Government to build a formidable navy and to entrust American shipyards with the construction of some of the new warships.

According to reliable information, the Soviet Government intends to build at least three large battleships, a number of cruisers, aircraft-carriers, and submarines in America.

It is also reported that Russia has shown great interest in American aeroplanes and is negotiating for the purchase of machinery for new aeroplane factories.

Rearmament of the Soviet Union is being carried through on a worldwide basis. Large orders have been placed with the British and French armament industries, particularly in naval yards and munition factories. Surprisingly, Russia is also buying from, or rather exchanging war material with, prospective enemy countries.

be) the Directors may at their absolute discretion grant an "ex gratia" bonus of not exceeding HK\$6 to any one Shareholder in order that the consolidation of the Company's Share Capital, as required by the Resolution of the Shareholders passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on April 20, 1938, may be implemented forthwith.

The Chairman:—I beg to propose that the balance now remaining at the credit of Profit and Loss Account be dealt with as follows:—To Pay a Bonus to the Staff at the discretion of the Directors, \$15,000.00; To Transfer to Equalisation of Dividends Reserve, \$150,000.00; To Transfer to General Reserve, \$100,000.00; To Carry forward to 1939 Account, \$7,650.00.

This was seconded by Mr. Li Tse-fong and passed unanimously.

Messrs. P. M. Hodgson and N. V. A. Croucher were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr. S. M. Bander, seconded by Mr. M. Well; and Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. R. A. Wickerson, seconded by Mr. E. J. M. Churn.

RESOLUTION PASSED

Following the annual meeting, an extraordinary general meeting passed the following resolution on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. P. M. Hodgson:—

"That the Articles contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

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For the Secret Service there is provision of £500,000, an increase on 1938 of £40,000.

The estimates disclose exactly how much is to be spent on every phase of central government work.

The items range from the salary of the Prime Minister to that of typists, door-keepers and even housemaids in certain of the Whitehall departments. One of the items under "Office for Parliamentary Counsel" is £20 for cab, etc.

CZARIST DEBT PAYMENT

The foreign bond market announcement that a British trade delegation would visit Moscow shortly led to unexpected speculation in pre-revolutionary Russian bonds.

Some believe the Soviet Government might recognize the old Czarist debt if the delegation was successful in improving British-Soviet trade relations. It was admitted this speculation was mainly on long odds, an effort to get in on the ground floor and with little to back it up.

Russian bonds, totalling about £150,000,000 (\$750,000,000) in London, are quoted at a level price, with the idea of lumping all loans together, if the Soviet revokes its previous repudiation of Czarist debts.

In the early part of February the bonds could be bought at 60 cents for £100 (\$500). At the end of the month the same amount changed hands for £1.80.

HIGHER CARGO INSURANCES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that New York underwriters have decided to increase insurance rates on cargoes for Europe.

The new rates will be announced and come into force on Monday.

ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE PARLEYS

MOSCOW, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The trade talks between Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, and M. Mikoyen continued throughout the day, reaching concrete discussions on Anglo-Soviet trade relations. The conversations will be continued over the week-end.

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On demand 58 7/8

On Japan:—
On demand 105 1/8
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/8 25/32
On demand 58 7/8

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 25 13/16
Credits 60 days sight 25 9/16

On Batavia:—
On demand 54 3/16
On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 1087
Credits 4 months sight 127

On Saigon:—
On demand 108 5/8
On Manila:—
On demand 57 7/8

On Bangkok:—
On demand 150 3/4
Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate 1/31/32
Bar Silver per oz. 20

Market Report

From Home Bros.

The price for Ready was unchanged yesterday at 20 but the Forward rate rose 1/16 to 19 11/16. Silver advances reported some forward purchases made by India. The Continent sold to a small extent. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at 42 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 468.21. New York/London was quoted at 468.5/16.

Market

Dull.
Sterling
There were sellers at 1/2, 7/8 March/May and 1/2, 27/32 June/July, buyers at 1/2, 15/16 for cash, 1/2, 29/32 first half April/June and 1/2, 7/8 July.

U.S. Dollars.
There were sellers at 29 1/16 for March, 29 April, 28 15/16 May and 28 7/8 June/July, buyers at 29 1/8 for cash, 29 1/16 first half April, 29 May and 28 15/16 July, probably June.

Shanghai Dollars
180.
Shanghai Market
Sterling opened with sellers at 8 17/84. Last indication was 8 1/4 sellers for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 16 1/8 and closed at 16 3/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 25 (Reuters).
Opening
London 0/8
New York 15-5/8
Japan 56-7/8
Paris 5-48
Hongkong 53-3/8

Open Market—Selling Rates

Sterling
Spot 0/8-17/84 0/8-1/4
March 0/8-17/84 0/8-1/4
April 0/8-17/84 0/8-1/4
May 0/8-1/4 0/8-15/84

U.S. Dollars

Spot 15-1/8 16-3/32
March 15-1/8 16-3/32
April 15-3/32 16-1/16
May 15-1/16 16-1/32

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/8-1/4.
U.S. Dollars, 15-1/16.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. to-day was 1/2-1/24, unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 5 per cent.

New York Exchange

New York, Mar. 25 (Reuters).
T.T. on London (Opening Rate). 468-5/16.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Mar. 25 (Reuters).
T.T. on Japan, 78-3/8.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Mar. 25 (Reuters).
Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 95-02-0.

London Exchange

London, Mar. 25 (BWS).
Closing mean rates were:—
Paris, 176-59/64.
New York, 468.
Montreal, 470-5/16.
Brussels, 27-3/4.
Geneva, 28-3/16.
Amsterdam, 8-32-3/16.
Milan, 98-1/16.
Berlin, 11-67.
Buenos Aires, 20-31.
Other rates unchanged.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER
London, Mar. 25 (Reuters).
Silver—Very small business.
Market quietly steady.
Spot, 20d.
Forward, 19-5/8d.

NEW YORK SILVER
New York, Mar. 25 (Reuters).
Official Price, unquoted.

BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Mar. 25 (Reuters).
Indian Mint Silver

Ready 52-09
Apr. 17 Settlement 52-08
May 13 Settlement 52-07

CHINA'S FEBRUARY FOREIGN TRADE

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central).
China's total foreign trade in February showed an excess of imports over exports of \$18,925,534, according to statistics compiled by the Chinese Maritime Customs. Total imports in the month were \$75,153,789, while total exports were \$58,228,255.

LONDON GOLD

London, Mar. 25 (Reuters).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 148/5.
Dollar Parity.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted

on Saturday, March 25
Hotels 200 \$5.65
Humphreys 100 8.00
China Lights (O) 100 8.20
United Paracale 2,000 P50.72

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION

MARCH 26, 1939

STOCKS Last Sale Mar. 25

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LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Mar. 24 (Reuters).
COPPER
buyers sellers
Standard, Cash 43 43-1/16
Standard.
3 months 43-1/4 43-3/8
Electrolytic 43-1/4 49-1/4

TIN
Standard, Cash 217 217-1/4
Standard.
3 months 217-1/4 215-1/4

LEAD
Foreign.
Official Price 14-13/16 14-7/8
Foreign Official
3 months 14-15/16 15

SPELTER
Ordinary.
Official Price 13-11/16 13-13/16
Ordinary, Official
3 months 13-15/16 41

Final Afternoon Transactions
Tin, Standard, Cash, £217-1/4
buyers.
Tin, Standard, 3 months, £215-3/4 paid and buyers.

CANADA'S RETAIL TRADE

Retail trade throughout Canada showed an increase of 11 per cent. in 1937. The total net value of sales by retail stores in the Dominion last year aggregated \$2,453,715,000 as against \$2,208,142,000 in 1936. The value of sales in 1933 was \$1,785,768,000 while in the census year (1930) it amounted to \$2,755,569,000. The 11 per cent. increase in 1937 over 1936 is greater than that recorded for any consecutive year comparison since 1933; and the advance over 1933 is 37 per cent.

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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

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PAYNE & CO.

COMMODITY BROKERS
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

BANKS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Authorised Capital \$50,000,000
 Issued & Fully Paid-Up \$30,000,000
 Reserve Funds:
 Sterling £ 6,500,000
 H.K. Currency Reserve \$10,000,000
 Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$30,000,000

Head Office:—HONG KONG

Board of Directors:
 Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Chairman.
 W. H. Lock, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

J. K. Bousfield, Esq.,
 A. H. Compton, Esq.,
 Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell,
 D. F. Landale, Esq.,
 G. Miskin, Esq.,
 K. S. Morrison, Esq.,
 Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce,
 H. V. Wilkinson, Esq.,
 Sir Vandelear M. Grayburn,
 Chief Manager.

Branches:—
 Amoy, Ipoh, Penang
 Bangkok, Johore, Singapore
 Batavia, Kobe, Saigon
 Bombay, Kowloon, San Francisco
 Calcutta, Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai
 Canton, Lyons, Sourabaya
 Chefoo, London, Swatow
 Colombo, Malacca, Sungei
 Dairen, Manila, Patani
 Foochow, Muar, Swatow
 Haiphong, (Johore) Tientsin
 Hankow, Mukden, Tokyo
 Harbin, New York, Tsingtao
 Hongkong, Peking, Yokohama
 Hioho

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local and other Currencies on terms which will be quoted on application.

Also up to date Safe Deposits in various sizes To Let.
 Hong Kong, 13th Mar. 1939.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
 V. M. Grayburn,
 Chief Manager.
 Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1939.

BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

Authorised Capital \$10,000,000
 Paid-up Capital \$5,000,000
 Reserve and Undivided Profits 2,883,932.01

Head Office:—HONG KONG

No. 10, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Board of Directors:
 Sir Shouson Chow, Chairman
 Li Koon Chun Esq., Li Lan Sang Esq.,
 P. K. Kwok Esq., Wong Ching Esq.,
 Wong Yung Tong Esq., Kan Ying Po Esq.,
 Chan Ching Shik Esq., Fung Ping Wah Esq.

Kan Tong Po, Esq., Chief Manager.
 Li Tse Fong, Esq., Manager.

Branches and Agencies:—
 Amoy, Kowloon, Penang, Singapore
 Batavia, London, Saigon, Sourabaya
 Bombay, Madras, San Francisco
 Calcutta, Malacca, Seattle, Tokyo
 Canton, New York, Swatow, Yokohama
 Chefoo, Hongkong, Peking, Shanghai
 Haiphong, Hankow, Harbin, Kobe

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local and Foreign Currencies on terms which will be quoted on application.

Safe Deposit Boxes To Let
 KAN TONG PO,
 Chief Manager.

BANK OF CHINA

Specially Chartered by THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AS AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$40,000,000.00

(BRANCHES, ALL OVER CHINA)

Owing to our numerous Branches in China and connections in the principal Commercial Centres of the world, we are able to extend to our Clients special facilities for Domestic and Foreign Banking and Exchange.

Head Office: SHANGHAI
 Hong Kong Branch:
 4, QUEEN'S ROAD, C.
 South China Office:

CANTON KONGMOON
 SWATOW TOISHAN
 SHUOHOW KINGCHOW

We also handle the issue of Bonds and other Public Funds of the Chinese Government, both at Home and Abroad.
 SHOU J. CHEN,
 Manager.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853

Paid-up Capital £2,000,000
 Reserve Fund £3,000,000
 Reserve Liability of Proprietors £2,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON

38, Bishopsgate E.C.2.

Sub-Agencies in London:

117/122, Leadenhall Street, E.C.3.

West End Branch:

14/18, Cockspur Street, S.W.1.

Manchester Branch:

71, Mosley Street, Manchester.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:

ALOR STAR, HARBIN, PENANG
 AMRITAR, HONG KONG, RANGOON
 BANGKOK, ILOILO, SAIGON
 BATAVIA, IPOH, SINGAPORE
 BOMBAY, KARACHI, SHANGHAI
 CALCUTTA, KUALA, SINGAPORE
 AGENCIES: KOREA, SINGAPORE
 CHINESE PORTS, SINGAPORE
 CANTON, LUMPUK, TAIPING
 CANNING, KOCHING, TIENTSIN
 CEHU, MADRAS, TONGKAR
 COLOMBO, MANILA, (Bhuket)
 DELHI, MEDAN, TRINGTANG
 HAIPHONG, NEW YORK, YOKOHAMA
 HAMBURG, PEIPING
 HANKOW, (Peking)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for One Year or shorter periods in Local or Other Currencies at rates which will be quoted on application.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS also opened in Local Currency and Sterling with interest allowed at rates obtainable on application.

The Bank's Head Office in London undertakes Executor and Trustee business, and claims recovery of British Income Tax overpaid, on terms which may be ascertained at any of the Agencies and Branches.

R. A. CAMIDGE, Manager.

THE CHASE BANK

18, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL

HEAD OFFICE:

18, FINE STREET,

NEW YORK.

An American Bank offering complete Foreign Banking Service in the principal Markets of the world.

Interest Rates on Application.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES

This Bank is entirely owned by THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK, New York, with Resources over U.S. \$2,500,000,000.

D. M. BIGGAR, Manager.

British Firm Big Gets Contract

Messrs. Inniss & Riddle (China) Ltd., the British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd., China agents, stated that an order valued at £70,000 has just been placed by the Kailan Mining Administration for two 3,000 h.p. British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd., electrically operated coal-winding equipments.

One of these will be installed at No. 4 shaft Linn and will be capable of raising 399 tons of coal per hour from a depth of 354 metres. The other equipment is for an output of 220 tons of coal per hour from a depth of 648 metres and will be installed at No. 3 shaft Tongshan.

SPECIALISED BRANCH

These installations will embody all the latest developments and refinements in this specialised branch of engineering. They will be of the McIlindro conical drum Ward Leonard equalised type incorporating automatic electric devices whereby the peak loads are smoothed out and the maximum possible efficiency and safety are achieved. They will be the largest installations of the kind in the Far East.

Messrs. Inniss & Riddle (China) Ltd., last month put into successful operation a somewhat similar but smaller equipment at the mines of the Mentouko Coal Mining Co., near Peiping.

SHARE MARKET REVIEW

BY C. A. L. RICKETT

Secretary, Hongkong Share-brokers' Association

Saturday, March 25.

During the week the market was inclined to react to the increasing gravity of affairs in Europe and a feeling of anxiety was made manifest by an increase in the number of selling orders. Selling, however, was not by any means general, and investors had the opportunity to quietly select their stocks at more attractive looking prices. Most shares offering were absorbed at lower price levels, and at the close of business to-day a better feeling is indicated by a slight hardening of prices. In common with world markets there has been a feeling of uncertainty resulting in a decrease in the volume of business over that recorded for the previous week.

H.K. Banks changed hands at \$1,365 to \$1,350 and Union Insurance shares receded to \$460. H.K. Docks lost \$1 with business reported at \$17.50 (cub. div.). Trams were done at \$18 but later bid buyers at \$18.15. China Lights (O) were easier and came to business at \$8.10 and the new shares at \$5.25. Electricities were wanted at \$55.50 and Hotels at \$5.60 after changing hands at \$5.50. Wharves were offering at \$112 after deduction of \$7 dividend.

The Manila market has shared in the prevailing feeling of uncertainty. After small fluctuation prices at the close show very little change over those ruling at the previous week's close. Benguet Consolidated after deduction of 30 cts. dividend registered a decline of 30 cts. to Pa. 12.70. Antamoks after easing to 38 cts. recovered to 41 cts. United Paracale perhaps came in for most attention and after easing to 68 cts. recovered to 72 cts., a loss of 2 cts. over the opening price at the beginning of the week. Market closed steady.

The following dividends have been announced:—

Antamoks: 1 cty. payable April 15.

Atoks: 2 cts. payable April 3.

United Paracale: 2 cts. payable April 4.

I. X. L.: 2 cts. payable April 15.

Big Wedge: 1 cty. payable April 10.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Saturday, Mar. 25.

During the morning H.K. Banks changed hands at \$1380 advancing to \$1390 business done. Unions were traded in at \$470. China Providents made \$5.70 and a small lot of Government 4 per cent Loan was placed at 4 per cent premium. Sandakan Lights at \$12, and Yumati Ferries (Old Issue) at \$24.

BUYERS

Hongkong Bank, \$1375.
 Union Insurance, \$470.
 Doughases, \$58.
 H.K. Docks (Old), \$17.
 Providents (Old), \$5.
 H. & S. Hotels, \$5.55.
 H.K. Tramways, \$18.
 H.K. Electric, \$55.
 Sandakan Lights, \$11.
 Cements, \$13.
 Canton Ice, \$1.
 H.K. Ropes, \$4.
 Entertainments, \$8.
 H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% Prem.
 H.K. Govt. 3% Loan par.
 Dairy Farms Rts, \$15.
 SELLERS

Union Insurance, \$475.
 H.K. Steamboats, \$14.
 H.K. Lands, \$36.
 Dairy Farms C. Rts, \$24.
 SALES

Hongkong Bank, \$1380/80.
 Union Insurance, \$470.
 Providents (Old), \$5.70.
 H.K. Tramways, \$18.
 Yumati Ferries (Old), \$24.
 Sandakan Lights, \$12.
 H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prem.
 Marsmans (H.K.), 5/-
 Dairy Farms Rts, \$15.
 PHILIPPINE MINING

QUOTATIONS

Antamoks Pa. 42.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

VOLUME OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED FOR WEEK ENDING

MARCH 24, 1939

STOCK	No. of Shares	PRICE
Hongkong Bank	26	\$1,365.00 to \$1,350.00
Union Ins.	10	460.00
H.K. Docks (cub. div.)	1,100	18.50 to 17.50
Trams	3,000	18.25 to 18.00
Yumati Ferries (O)	100	25.00
Yumati Ferries (N)	100	24.00
China Lights (Old)	5,832	8.70 to 8.10
China Lights (New)	2,544	5.50 to 5.25
Entertainments	1,700	7.10
Electric	100	55.50
Hotels	3,300	5.50 to 5.80
Providents (Old)	1,500	5.45 to 5.50
United Paracale	30,000	Pa. 72 to Pa. 70
Antamoks	8,000	Pa. 38 to Pa. 40
Manabate	2,000	Pa. 14
Itogons	4,000	Pa. 25

Government Notes Still Circulate

Value Much Higher Than F.R.B. Notes

Although the legal tender notes issued by Chinese Government banks have been prohibited in several big cities in North China, they are still being circulated in those cities and their value is much higher than the new notes issued by the provisional regime in Peiping, according to Chinese reports.

Despite the new order forbidding circulation of the legal tender notes are widely used and people like to preserve them.

Being unable to reject the provisional regime notes, people in the north use them soon after receiving them. The "federal notes" as the new notes are called circulated in the north represent a face value of \$185,000,000 but the legal tender notes circulated in the same area amount to \$335,000,000. It is stated.

OFFICIALLY REJECTED

The legal tender notes, officially rejected by the new regime in Peiping are accepted by Chinese banks in Shanghai which do not accept the "federal notes."

Money in Chinese Government banks remitted to the north through Shanghai banks will not lose value because the receiver will obtain the same currency in the north. Persons remitting money to Shanghai must use legal tender notes, however.

The British, American and French Governments have lodged protests with the Japanese authorities against the new currency policy in the north which is said to have affected their trade.

Shipping in North China is said to have been completely monopolized by the Japanese and Japan ranks the first in both export and import trade in all ports in the north.

A systematic control of the main Chinese products such as leather, beans and cotton has been effected.

AMENDMENTS TO POSTAGE RATES

The "Government Gazette" notifies that the Governor in Council makes the following further amendments to the rates of postage in Class A—Letters and Postcards published as G. N. 657 in the "Gazette" of August 26, 1938, with effect from March 24, 1939:—

AMENDMENTS

The following additional rate numbers are inserted under the heading Inclusive Rates by Imperial Airways Air Mail Services after Rate No. 30 and the following corresponding additions are made to the note at the end of the Class A rates:—
 Rate No. 31 Foreign destinations in Africa and in the Near East \$1.00, \$0.50
 Rate No. 32 Foreign destinations via Australia \$1.00, \$0.50
 Rate No. 33 Portuguese India and Afghanistan \$0.75, \$0.40
 First Column Second Column
 Foreign destinations in Africa and in the Near East Alexandria
 Foreign destinations via Australia Australia
 Portuguese India and Afghanistan British India

Atoks Pa. 36 ex div.
 Bagu Gold Pa. 28
 Benguet Consolidated Pa. 12.70
 Coco Grove Pa. 42
 Consolidated Mines Pa. 003
 Demonstrations Pa. 15
 I.X.L. Pa. 82
 Paracale Gumaus Pa. 17
 San Mauricio Pa. 2.00
 Sufco Pa. 19
 United Paracale Pa. 72

REYNOLDS & GIBSON RUBBER

LONDON.—Our market has remained remarkably steady through the week, but business has ruled on the quiet side. A good demand for near shipments on c.i.f. terms persists, and in addition sales of forward positions covering not only the balance of this year, but also the whole of 1940, have been made. Manufacturers, however, do not appear disposed to buy other than on a hand-to-mouth basis.

Shipments for February from the customary centres of production are:—

	Feb. 1939	Jan. 1939	Dec. 1938
Malaya	43,497 tons	43,332 tons	32,901 tons
Ceylon	5,323 tons	7,123 tons	3,970 tons

	metric tons	metric tons	metric tons
D.E.I. Estate, Java	4,923 tons	7,010 tons	1,935 tons
D.E.I. Estate, Outer Possessions	5,997 tons	11,014 tons	4,842 tons

	metric tons	metric tons	metric tons
D.E.I. Native, Outer Possessions	13,920 tons	18,024 tons	5,777 tons
	11,492 tons	21,248 tons	4,032 tons
	25,412 tons	39,272 tons	10,809 tons

Motor vehicle production in the U.S.A. in 1938 was 2,490,000 units compared with 4,809,000 in 1937. It is considered that this low figure for last year will be much improved upon during the current year, although it is not expected that the average of 4,400,000 units for 1935/37 will be attained. Accounts from the British motor industry read quite optimistically with one company working at full capacity. At the end of last month, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, licences had been issued for 2,292,603 vehicles against 2,144,583 for the same period last year.

Altogether, we take a favourable view of this commodity and consider that decreasing shipments with expanding absorption should make for better prices during the next few months.

Movements of Rubber in London and Liverpool for week ending March 11, 1939.—London—Landed 797 tons Delivered 1,343 tons; Stock 47,442 tons; same time last year 48,197 tons; Liverpool—Landed 588 tons Delivered 1,009 tons; Stock 26,068 tons; same time last year 24,806 tons.

NEW YORK.—Prices have remained almost unchanged from day to day, and cables coming forward from New York have recorded practically featureless markets. There has been a certain amount of Eastern selling of distant deliveries, but this was readily absorbed by consumers and speculators. Transactions 6,110 tons.

LABOUR TROUBLE AT NEW YORK'S WORLD FAIR

M. Maurice Garreau Domblaire, France's Commissioner at the New York World's Fair, stated recently that the opposition of the American unions to the employment of French workers would almost certainly prevent his country's \$800,000 pavilion from being completed before the exhibition opens on April 30, writes the "Daily Telegraph" New York correspondent. "I have been fighting this trouble for a whole month," he declared. "About a dozen French workmen already here have not been allowed to touch a tool, and we had to delay bringing over others needed for special plaster and cabinet work which cannot be done by Americans."

"The only men we have imported are specialists, but it is essential to us to have them to produce an exhibit that is truly representative of France. As a result of these delays work is far behind schedule."

Similar difficulties have been encountered by Rumania, which brought about a dozen skilled labourers to the United States to assist in the execution of its plans for a pavilion designed by Prince George Cantacuzene. This involved the use of marble and alabaster.

OFFICIAL VERSION

Fair officials, while admitting that American workers staged a sit-down strike as a protest against the presence of French workmen engaged in France's subsidiary exhibit in the Hall of Nations, made light of these difficulties.

It was even suggested in some quarters that they are being used as an excuse for failure to get certain foreign pavilions finished before the opening.

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Canton, French, 978 registered
 tons, Capt. G. Charlot, from Hal-
 phong, a.m. at buoy No. B?—M.M.
 (Tel. 28651).

Nagato, Maru, Japanese, 4,324
 regd. tons, Captain E. Kubo, from
 Japan, a.m., at buoy No. A?—N.Y.
 K. (Tel. 30291).

Sui Yang, British, 1,594 registered
 tons, Capt. Thomas, from Hal-
 phong, Pakhoi and K. C. Wan, a.m.
 at buoy No. B?—B & S. (Tel.
 30331).

Shantung, British, 1,588 registered
 tons, Capt. P. F. M. de Freitas,
 from S'hai and Amoy, a.m., at buoy
 No. B?—B & S. (Tel. 30331).

Tai Sang, British, 1,949 registered
 tons, Capt. Wa Balch, from
 S'hai and Swatow, a.m., at West
 Point Wharf—J. M. & Co. (Tel.
 30311).

Wo Sang, British, 2,058 registered
 tons, Capt. Hopkins, from Hal-
 phong, a.m., at buoy No. B?—J. M.
 & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Changon, British, 2,235 registered
 tons, Capt. L. N. Beer, from
 K. C. Wan, p.m., at C.M.S.N. Wharf
 —Changon & Co. (Tel. 34181).

Hans, Rickmers, German, 3,129
 regd. tons, Capt. Harff, from
 Europe and Manila, a.m., at Stone-
 cutters—Jebson & Co. (Tel. 31265).

Wing Wo, Portuguese, 495 registered
 tons, Capt. I. d. de Lemos,
 from K. C. Wan, p.m., at Salkong
 Wharf—Tai Fung & Co. (Tel.
 20093).

Yat Shing, British, 1,424 registered
 tons, Capt. G. Clarke, from
 Hongay, a.m., at buoy No. B25—J.
 M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Hai Ching, British, 1,322 registered
 tons, Capt. O. H. Farrer, from
 Swatow, a.m., at Douglas Wharf—
 Douglas & Co. (Tel. 28037).

ARRIVED SATURDAY

Hector, British, 8,841 registered
 tons, Capt. J. K. Dunlop, from
 London and Straits, at Holt's
 Wharf—B & S. (Tel. 30331).

Dollus, British, 3,319 registered
 tons, Capt. C. Hutchinson, from Ya-
 wata, at buoy No. A8—
 E & S. (Tel. 30331).

Tai Poo Sek, French, 1,219 registered
 tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour,
 from K. C. Wan, at buoy No. B16—
 Tai Fung & Co. (Tel. 20093).

Suwa Maru, Japanese, 8,837 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. M. Mishima,
 from Europe and Straits at
 buoy No. A7—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).

Burdwan, British, 2,878 registered
 tons, Captain C.R. Mill, from
 Japan and Shanghai, at buoy No.
 A3—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Foo Shing, British, 1,423 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. C. M. Boas, from
 Shanghai and Swatow, at buoy No.
 B9—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Tilsaroea, Dutch, 4,394 registered
 tons, Capt. P. J. Van Nuy, from
 Java and Muntok, at buoy
 No. A17—J.C.J. Line. (Tel. 28015).

Victoria, Italian, 7,145 registered
 tons, Capt. Carlini, from Shanghai,
 at Kowloon Wharf—Lloyd
 Trieste. (Tel. 32883).

Tai Yuan, British, 2,100 registered
 tons, Capt. J. O. Fraser, from
 S'hai and Swatow, at buoy No. B3—
 B & S. (Tel. 30331).

Chak Sang, British, 1,470 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. L. McRoe, from
 Japan, at buoy No. A9—
 J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

DUE TO-MORROW

Cremer, Dutch, 2,770 registered
 tons, Capt. Ahlers, from Amoy,
 p.m., at buoy No. A2—J.C.J. Line
 (Tel. 28015).

Tilsadane, Dutch, 5,780 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. J. Naerebout, from
 Java and Manila, a.m., at buoy No.
 A?—J.C.J. Line. (Tel. 28015).

Haldis, British, 1,144 registered
 tons, Capt. A. Hall from K. C. Wan,
 p.m., at buoy No. B?—Wo Fat
 Sing. (Tel. 20095).

Emp. of Asia, British, 8,883 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. G. Gould, from
 Manila, a.m., at Kowloon Wharf—
 C.P.S. (Tel. 20752).

Boissevain, Dutch, 8,869 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. Blankstein, from
 S'hai, a.m., at Kowloon Dock—J.
 C. J. Line. (Tel. 28015).

Ninghai, British, 1,482 registered
 tons, Capt. W. Paul, from Tientsin,
 a.m., at buoy No. B?—B & S. (Tel.
 30331).

Tilawa, British, 6,153 registered
 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Cal-
 cutta and Straits, a.m., at Kowloon
 Wharf—M.M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Mau Sang, British, 2,063 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. P. Jowitt, from
 Sandakan, a.m., at buoy No. B22—
 J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Protesilaus, British, 8,110 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. Longair, from
 Europe and Straits, a.m., at Holt's
 Wharf—B & S. (Tel. 30331).

Newchwang, British, 1,488 regis-
 tered tons, from Tientsin and Swa-
 tow, a.m., at buoy No. B?—B & S.
 (Tel. 30331).

Kwangtung, British, 1,572 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. S. M. Barling,
 from Shanghai, Amoy and Chien-
 chow, a.m. at buoy No. B?—B & S.
 (Tel. 30331).

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Turul, Hungarian, 1,509 registered
 tons, Capt. Lojos, from Sal-
 gon, at Yaumati—Wing Ping
 Trading & Co. (Tel. 28331).

Anshun, British, 1,869 registered
 tons, Capt. C. P. Miller, from
 Straits, at buoy No. B21—B & S.
 (Tel. 30331).

Marchen Maersk, Danish, 4,100
 regd. tons, Capt. Nielsen, from
 Manila, at buoy No. A2—Jeb-
 son & Co. (Tel. 31265).

Jean Dupuis, French, 388 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. Laval, from
 Halphong and K. C. Wan, at buoy
 No. C1—B & S. (Tel. 30331).

Sung Shan Maru, Japanese, 1,507
 from Amoy, at O.S.K. Wharf—N.Y.
 K. (Tel. 30291).

SHIPPING

MOVEMENT

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan
 left Yokohama on March 24 (Fri.)
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 p.m. leaves Vancouver on April 14
 (Fri.) 11.00 a.m. is due at Hong-
 kong on May 5, morning.

S'hai and Swatow, at West Point
 Wharf—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).
 Kum Sang, British, 3,341 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. D. G. Burleigh,
 from Japan, at buoy No. A9—
 J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

SAILING TO-DAY

Ardent, Norwegian, 1,105 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. E. Krojer, from
 buoy No. B4, for Hongay & Bang-
 kok, 6 a.m.—Chin Seng Hong.
 (Tel. 25291).

Sung Shan Maru, Japanese,
 1,507 registered tons, from O.S.K.
 Wharf, for Canton, 8 a.m.—N.Y.K.
 (Tel. 30291).

Tai Poo Sek, French, 1,219 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour,
 from buoy No. 16, for K. C. Wan,
 4 p.m.—Tai Fung & Co. (Tel.
 20093).

Turul, Hungarian, 1,509 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. Lojos, from Yaumati,
 for Tientsin, p.m.—Wing Ping
 Trading & Co. (Tel. 28331).

SAILING TO-MORROW

Tai Yuan, British, 2,100 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from
 buoy No. B, for Chuanchow, Amoy
 and S'hai, 5 p.m.—B & S. (Tel.
 30331).

Jean Dupuis, French, 388 regis-
 tered tons, Capt. Laval, from
 buoy No. B? for K. C. Wan, 4 p.m.
 —B & S. (Tel. 30331).

Marchen Maersk, Danish, 4,100
 regd. tons, Capt. Nielsen, from buoy
 No. A2, for S'hai, Japan & U.S.A.
 p.m.—Jebson & Co. (Tel. 31265).

SAILED YESTERDAY

Klungchow for K. C. Wan
 Kum Sang for S'pore
 Burdwan for S'pore
 Kalgan for Swatow
 Proteus for Halphong
 Hector for Shanghai
 Laos for Halphong
 Anshun for Swatow

SAILED SATURDAY

Sirdhama for S'pore
 Pres. Pierce for S'hai
 Atsuta Maru for Manila
 Shantung for Yokohama
 Eurybates for S'hai
 Wing Wah for K. C. Wan
 Victoria for Manila
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 Hai Dah for Swatow.

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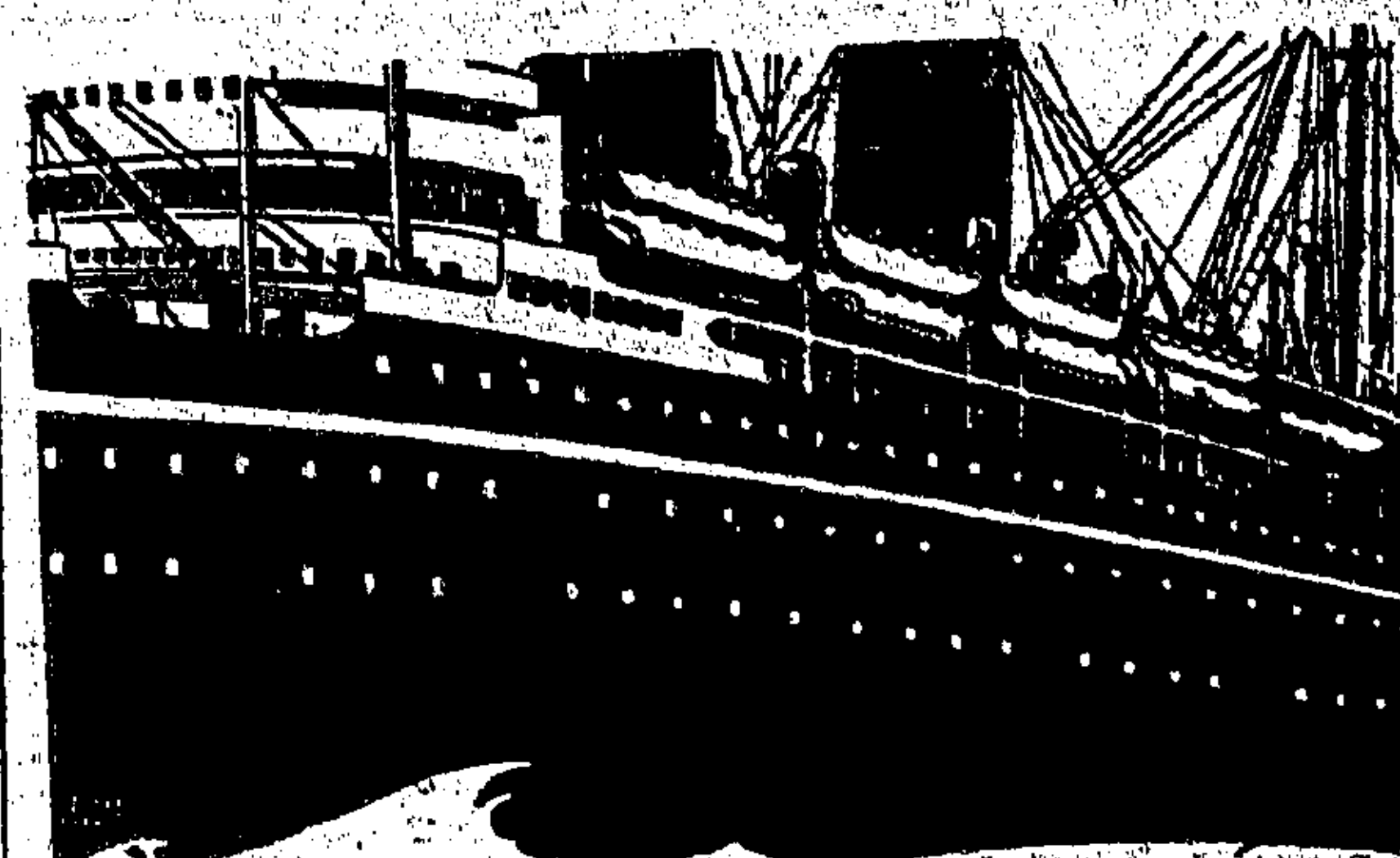
O.S.K. Wharf—Sung Shan Maru
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 Kowloon—Yu Sang, Thurland
 Castle.

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No. A 2—Marchen Maersk.
 No. A 8—Dollus.
 No. A17—Tilsaroea.
 No. B 3—Tai Yuan.
 No. B 4—Ardent.
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 No. B14—Muhnam.
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BANGALORE	6,000	27th Apr.	do.
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